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## Students Vote for More Than the President

*Bond on ballot could give MSU thousands in funding*



If the bond is approved, more labs for science students are one of the many things that will be improved.

Catherine Baxter  
News Editor

This November, people will not only be voting for the President on the ballot. There will be a bond up for voting that would give \$750 million in funding to New Jersey colleges and universities. The bond will help support costs such as building

and renovation projects. New Jersey has not issued bonds for higher education facilities since 1988. New Jersey is one of the few states in the nation that has not constantly been investing in their college campuses. According to President Susan Cole, as a result of this, enormous

pressure has been put on college and university operating budgets and on student tuition to provide adequate facilities. This bond initiative must be voted on – either yes or no – by the public in the upcoming November election. “This bond represents a very important turn-

ing point for the state,” said President Cole. “A strong ‘yes’ vote for the bond will have a huge positive impact on the future of higher education in New Jersey. In turn, strong higher education institutions make a very significant contri-

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## SGA Speaks Out Against War

Catherine Baxter  
News Editor

The Student Government Association has made a decision to come out against the war in Afghanistan on its 11th anniversary in order to show students that not only are they a decision making body that takes important stances on issues, but that they truly are invested in the needs of students. On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the SGA spoke about a resolution that takes a stand on the 11-year conflict in Afghanistan. “I am going to convince

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## Homecoming 2012 Preview



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A screening of the movie *21 Jump Street* is just one of the many events planned for this year's Homecoming. Stephanie Agudelo, Assistant News Editor, reports that this October 13th marks the day that Montclair State University students, like many other college students across the nation, celebrate their very own holiday: Homecoming! Homecoming is a week long tradition on this campus where every year students enjoy free food, activities, prizes, en-

tertainment and sports events all around campus. It's a day where current students and alumni can gather together to embrace the festivities and simply enjoy being a Montclair State Red Hawk. This year the Homecoming theme is “Once Upon a Homecoming,” which suggests that the

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## Hawk Walk Program Makes Students Safer on Campus



The Montclarion | Carley Hussain

It is safer for students to walk together if they feel unsafe. Luca Azzara, Staff Writer, reports that having a Police Station on campus sure has its perks. Peace of mind comes from knowing officers are on watch 24/7, cruising through campus in close proximity to any

emergency on campus, and now there is even a student escorting system. Montclair State University is proud to announce that it is bringing back the “Hawk Walk”

student escort program. The Hawk Walk has been offered at certain times throughout the passed 20 years here at MSU, but with collabora-

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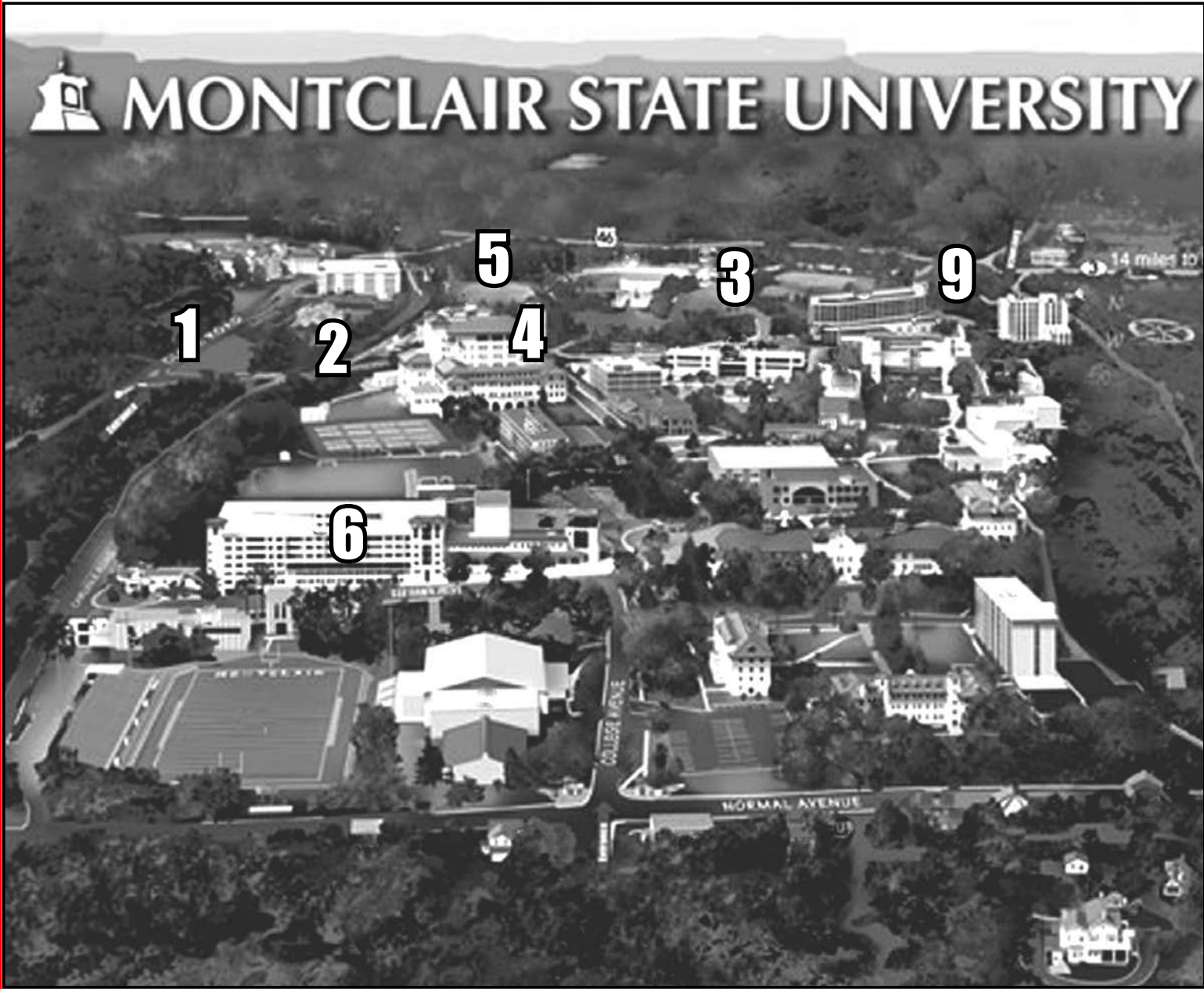
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Pelican Police Report



1 On Sept. 22: Jasmiere Roystier, 21, of Princeton, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol while on Clove Road. She is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

2 On Sept. 22: Aiden Pomper, 20, of South Orange, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, aggravated assault and resisting arrest while at the NJ Transit Garage. He is scheduled to appear in Little Falls Municipal Court.

3 On Sept. 23: A male visitor was assaulted by a group of males while at Dinallo Heights. This matter is under investigation and charges are pending at this time.

4 On Sept. 24: A staff member of University Hall reported the fraudulent use of his lost credit card. This matter is under investigation.

5 On Sept. 24: A female student reported her wallet missing inside of University Hall. Her wallet was found, however items were missing from inside the wallet. This matter is under investigation.

6 On Sept. 24: A female staff member reported the theft of her hang tag from her unsecured vehicle inside of the Red Hawk Parking garage. This matter is under investigation.

7 On Sept. 25: A female student and her friend reported being harassed by a known male via email. This matter is under investigation.

8 On Sept. 25: A female student reported the theft of her ID and keys which were left unsecured inside the Recreation Center. This matter is under investigation.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

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the legislator that coming out against the war is for the students’ best interest,” said Mark Rudas, Legislator at Large for the SGA.

According to Rudas, the amount of money that has funded the war in Afghanistan is equal to approximately one million Pell Grants. One Pell Grant alone is worth \$5,550. Many students could have received these grants to help them financially – if the money had not already been used to fund the war.

Aside from the obvious financial negativities that spans from the war, there is a much more obvious downfall to this war. Since the start of the war on Oct. 4th, 2001, there have been 2,000 military deaths and 12,000 Afghan deaths.

Gil Balanzat, chief justice of judiciary and distinguished member of SGA, is an Iraq veteran. Balanzat spoke against the war at the hearing for the resolution as well.

However, Rudas notes that this resolution is not anti or pro military. This stance is simply intended to be an expression through the SGA’s unique ability to take a stand on an issue.

“Taking a stand is not going to stop the war,” said Rudas. “However, both political parties have stated a 2014 pullout for war, and we want to show our stance on the issue as well.”

The SGA’s goal through this resolution is to take a stand with students and indicate that the SGA wants to function as a body that takes stands on issues for the students’ welfare.

“War/anti war is a good place for us to start,” said Rudas.

Those who will be voting whether or not to approve this resolution are members of SGA Legislation at Large, the main legislative body in the SGA. They are the group of students who decide whether or not events get funding or if organizations on campus get chartered. However, the voting of this resolution will be the first time they take a stand on a national issue.

“I would like it to be a new beginning of a period of the SGA, where we come to represent a student decision-making body that takes stands on issues that directly relates to students’ well being,” said Rudas. “We will use our infrastructural power to advocate directly with the administration for increasing students’ wellbeing. That’s something the SGA just doesn’t do right now. We want to use our power to affect positive change.”

Along with the resolution that is trying to get passed, the SGA is also planning on having a candlelight vigil to commemorate those lives that have been lost.

“The plan is to have 140 candles, each candle representing 100 casualties,” said Rudas. These candles will be set up in the Student Center Quad.

The planned date is Oct. 4th to commemorate the day of the 11th anniversary of the war. Students will be notified when the date and time of the vigil are determined via their MSU email accounts. Students can also check online for further information as it becomes available.

week will be filled with fun and just a hint of magic.

Students are anticipating this year’s Homecoming to be even better than last year’s.

“I’m excited about the 'once upon a homecoming' theme! I think that was a fun choice and I just hope we have good weather for all of the events this time around, but I'll be wearing my snow boots just in case,” said sophomore Jianna Hall.

Good weather, however, isn’t the only new asset students should expect to see this homecoming season.

Student Government Association (SGA) Press Secretary Michelle Pisarri explains that the Student Life at Montclair (SLAM) organization has worked hard to organize events that have been successful in the past and new events that they feel students will enjoy attending this year.

Some of the events that will be going on during Homecoming week are Laser Tag, a taco bar, a giant movie screening of 21 Jump Street, inflatables, raffles, free spray t-shirts, student performances and even an undisclosed musical performance on Friday, Oct. 12.

Pisarri also mentioned that the SLAM organization put a lot of thought into using their money wisely and getting students the best possible “bang for their buck.”

“As of right now, I can tell you that all of the money being spent for all of the events, is over \$15,000 (this does not include the undisclosed Friday Event). As a school that is watched closely about how money is dispersed- SGA and SLAM tried very hard to ensure that we were not aimlessly using our allotted money. We worked diligently to make sure the students could receive the best at a price truly worth the buy,” she said.

Students will also get to enjoy a little friendly competition at any of the football, volleyball or soccer games taking place throughout the day. Whatever the event is, students this year will have no trouble finding ways to have a great time with their friends. Seniors like Michelle Bermudez are just happy to enjoy the Homecoming holiday one last time.

“Homecoming is one of those classic, collegiate moments that I’ll be able to look back on and remember all the fun and silly times I had at MSU. As a senior, I’m definitely trying to make every moment count this year,” she said.

As for the performers this year, students will have to wait just a little longer before that information is released.

"We will be having two large events to accommodate more students," said George Juzdan, SGA President. "There will be two separate events on separate weekends, one falling directly on the weekend of the 13th."

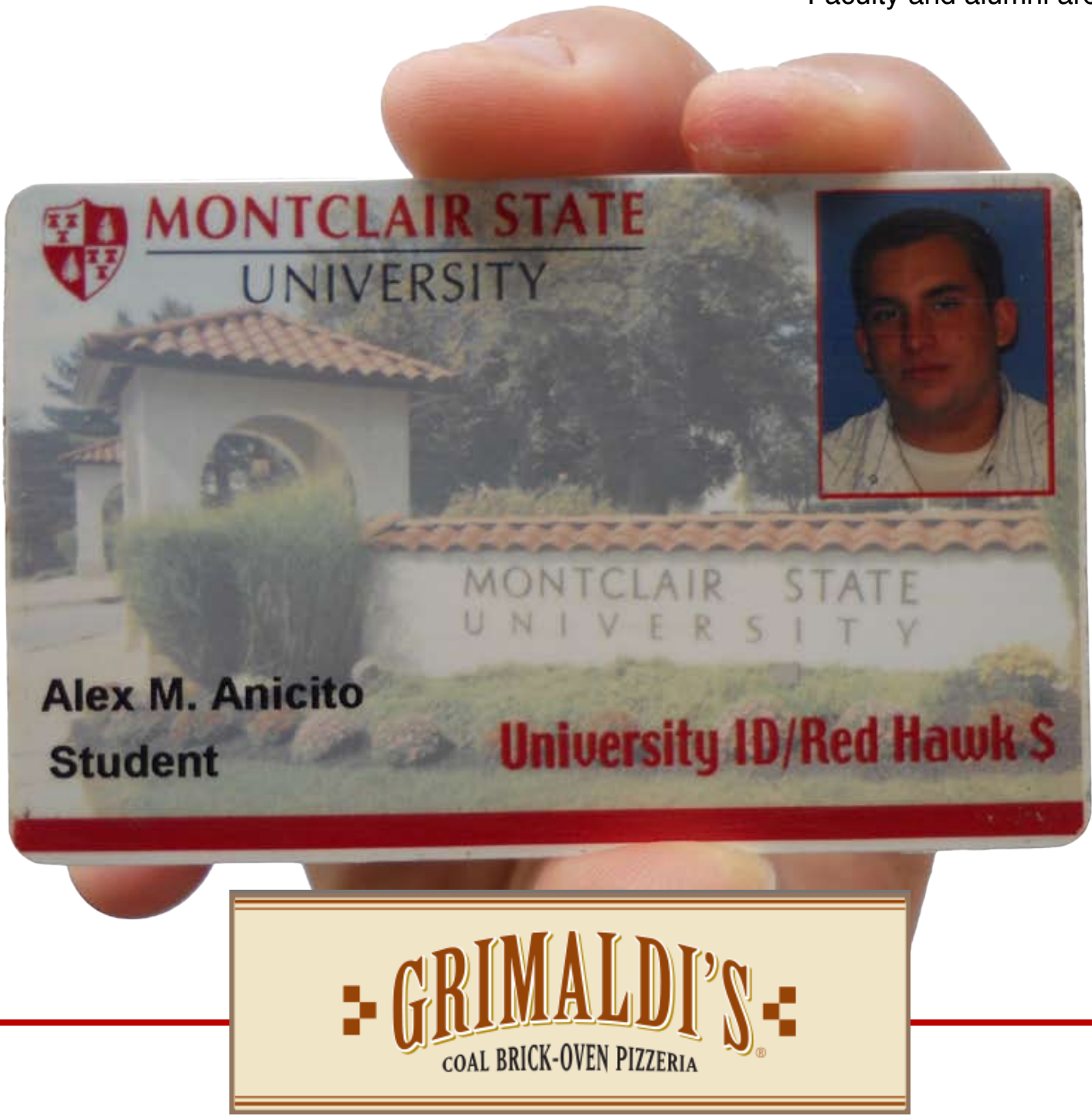
The names of the performers are planned to be released Friday once the contract is finalized.

Students can check online on Friday at [themontclarion.org](http://themontclarion.org) for further information on performers once the information is released.

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# School of Communication and Media to Get a New Home



The Montclarion | Joey Cohen

The DuMont Television Center will have a new building directly next to it for the new school.

Ethan Fria  
STAFF WRITER

Schmitt Hall, among other facilities, has become temporary housing for the new School of Communication and Media.

Montclair State has plans to make the new school more comfortable in two new facilities. One, an addition to Morehead, the other, replacing the building next to DuMont.

Dr. Harry Haines explained the plans for the building replacing the one next to DuMont.

“The new building will be a state-of-the-art media production center that will be in sync with all the technological and organizational requirements of the new system. And so, we’re going to be in the forefront of

communication education in a number of areas, one of those areas being production. It’s going to be demolished and the site will be used to build this rather large production center.”

In the meantime, Schmitt Hall is being equipped with modern, cutting edge technology.

On the third floor of the building, the same floor that NJTV operates on, the new campus radio station is being built. This radio station is going to be cutting edge, taking campus radio into the 21st century.

The radio station right now is transitioning from being a club to becoming a school; this will bring a whole new dimension for students interested in this career path. Schmidt Hall will be

included in the progress of this new school, but keep in mind, it is transient.

The projection has varied from time to time, but the production center is rumored to be finished within 1-2 years. When prompted in regards to the significance of the changes, Dr. Haines went on to stress the importance of the new department in terms of Montclair’s status among other schools.

“It’s going to be the major building for the school, and that’s an absolute necessity. In order for Montclair to continue to be an educational player in the New York City Area, it must advance the new school of Communication and Media,” Haines said.

These new changes in the

School of Communication and Media will greatly affect the paths that students invested in majors such as Documentary, Electronic Journalism, Film-making, Communications and Media Arts will take.

The foresight of the school is proving to be an invaluable asset to this emerging School of Communication and Media, including key partnerships with NJTV, jazz giant WBGO, WNYC radio, coupled with the magnificently equipped rooms on Schmitt Hall, and soon, the new production center. Students should feel pride that their school is leading the way in terms of the technological and education aspects of Communication and Media.

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# Meet Your New Dean of the Arts



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**Lori Wieceorek**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Our new Dean of the College of the Arts, Daniel Gurskis, spent the last twelve years of his life immersed in higher education. This is not the type of man that sits in his office and boasts of thinking of the student population without actually being able to relate. Daniel Gurskis has been where we are, has experienced the prevailing fear of the unknown career path and has experienced the ups and downs of college life.

Rarely when I meet with administrators in higher education do I have the hope of a better Montclair. Maybe this feeling has to do with my immersion in the Arts and his interest in improving a department of cultural expression.

Daniel Gurskis was Chair of the film department at Brooklyn College for seven years. He joined the faculty there five years prior to his position as Chair. Prior to that position, he worked as a writer. He worked primarily as a screenwriter in film and TV after beginning his career in theater. Gurskis has 20 years of freelance experience and is a member of the Writers Guild.

During those years he was working on a project-by-project basis. That was the type of work that drove him to seek a position of more

stability.

Modestly, he neglected to mention that he won an Emmy in 1989 for James Stewart’s “Wonderful Life.” What follows is what Daniel Gurskis has to say about his new position at Montclair State.

## What made you shift from your position at Brooklyn College to become the Dean of the Arts here at MSU?

“I actually had a nightmare one night in which I was 65 years old and I was pitching story ideas to a 24 year-old executive. That was before my kids were in their twenties and now the dream is even more terrifying because they have finally arrived at that age. But, of course, I realized it was just my subconscious. There are very few people that can carry their writing careers into their fifties or sixties because young people are coming in and the older people are going out, just like I came in. I felt as though I did not attain the critical mass to carry me through to the middle of my life.

I like college, I liked college when I was there. I had a number of friends who had been faculty members and I would do guest lectures and taught some classes for them. I really enjoyed that and that’s what got me thinking. I taught as an adjunct to try it out and realized that I liked the environment and it acted as encouragement to look for a full-time position as a professor. And I really took to it.

When I was a professor I took a particular interest in how the department was run and I started to take part in those activities and took an interest in that, too. That’s what moved me to administration at that chair’s level. I was involved with a project at the Brooklyn Navy Arts. We were creating a school of cinema for Brooklyn College that will be situated at Steiner Studios which will be the largest facility for TV and film production outside of L.A.

This will be the only graduate film department located on a studio lot, about 400 students. In doing that, I took on a lot of extra responsibilities and I found I liked it. They line up with what I do now as Dean

and it really encouraged me to think about making another move. The great thing about Montclair State is the breadth of programs here; there is just so much going on and a variety of opportunities and challenges. It’s been a lot of fun.”

## What would you like to change/improve in the Art department?

“It’s a very big department. Some of the challenges are that it’s spread out over multiple buildings. One building that most students are in has particular issues and I am mindful of that and addressed it right at the start. Overall, my sense of the students and faculty there is very positive. They are doing some great things over there. We have a large enrollment in the fashion program and the graphics department is involved in some great things. I am a big supporter of the Fine Arts here; traditional art is important.”

## There has been a fair amount of commentary on your decision to close Calcia at night. What do you have to say to the students that have their studios in Calcia?

“They will be able to access their works at night, just not after 11. For me, it’s first and foremost a safety issue. There is a lot of equipment in there that can cause serious damage to someone. Frankly, I’m surprised that something hasn’t happened so far. My first responsibility is making sure the students are safe and educating them is high up there.

But safety is my first priority. And I don’t consider that a safe situation, anyone can come in. Anyone, not just students, can come in at any time of the day. It’s important and I know that this is a trial but there will always be hours when the building is closed. I am committed to that. Whether it will remain 11 to 7 or will change to 12 to 6 or something else later on, we’ll see.

This is just a trial to see how it will work. I have never heard of a situation where a building like that with that kind of equipment is open 24 hours a day. It’s a disaster waiting to happen. It might be

an inconvenience to some, but ultimately, it’s in the best interest of everybody.”

## What are your first impressions here at Montclair State?

“I’m having a blast. It’s been so much fun for me. I come in every-day and can’t wait to get started. I look at the calendar the night before and see someone like you is going to come in and the wheels start going. Everyday something comes up that I’m not expecting and it’s fun. It’s a great challenge. Everyone is terrific. The staff in this office gives me a lot of support and I couldn’t be happier. I made a great move.”

## What’s your favorite movie?

“People always ask me that and my response is ‘it’s not like that.’ I don’t order them or try to quantify them. There are films I can watch any time of the day. But it’s a wide range. Usually it’s films that are not too terribly current for me. I would put “The Godfather” on that list, Clint Eastwood’s “Unforgiven.” It’s a perfect modern western. There is a British film, “In Bruges” that is fantastic. More recently, “Midnight in Paris.” The Hemingway character especially. As an undergraduate I was fascinated with Hemingway and Fitzgerald’s relationship, so for me, it was the perfect movie.”

## What are your thoughts on the Art buildings?

“The problem is that they are situated in different buildings. It’s counter productive; people need to be together. Ultimately, there will be a building where everyone will be together. We are just starting design on the new School of Communications and Media building. That is very much in progress but there is not much to report on yet.”

**Students can contact Dean Gurskis at gurskisd@mail.montclair.edu or 973-655-5104.**

## Walk

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tion between the UPD and the SGA, it looks like the program is finally here to stay.

This safety program will be available to all students on campus seven nights a week. Students can find comfort in knowing that an escort is just minutes away, allowing them to walk to their desired location in a comfortable and safe manor.

Students can contact the UPD at 973-655-5222 and are encouraged to call any time from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. when school is open for session for an accompanying dispatcher.

They can then request a walking escort to aid them to their desired destination. Fearing those late night walks through campus does not have to be a bother any longer.

Everyone can find comfort in having the ability to have someone accompany them to a nearby facility, car, or dorm room.

Within a few minutes, a dispatcher will arrive on foot. Escorts will not be travelling in a vehicle but will arrive in a reasonable amount of time. All dispatchers are UPD employed students, all whom passed an extensive background check. Keep watch for a neon yellow vest, and if that does not seem convincing

enough, all dispatched students carry an identification card and they’d be more than happy to assure you that they are who they claim.

The UPD and dispatchers recommend that students wait in a safe, well lit public location.

MSU is determined to ensure the safety of its student body on campus. All too often do we hear stories on the news about crimes on campuses, where students seem to disappear into the depths, victimized in a robbery, assaults or even rape.

The program provides the student body the ability to know that their safety does not have to be at risk when getting from one place to the other.

In addition, MSU offers a “GuardianTracking” application, linked to the university’s police station, where the UPD can actually track your cell phone using a GPS system in the event that you do not arrive on time. Police will then arrive to your last known location.

Students can sign up for the Guardian app at [www.getrave.com/login/montclair](http://www.getrave.com/login/montclair). Do not stop just there; take advantage of MSU’s alert system where students can receive important information right on their cell

phones such as school closings, security threats and even severe weather warnings.

E-TIPS is another program where students can actually text the UPD with information regarding anything from student harassment to a slashed tire. Keep in mind that all sent texts are limited to police related matters only. All of these programs can be utilized using your MSU Net ID and password right on the website.

When asked what he thought about the program, Lieutenant Kieran Barrett said, “The Hawk Walk walking escort program is just one more way for our community to feel comfortable and safe when students feel uneasy.”

He continued to comment on the program stating “We the UPD are hopeful that the program will become a popular one to add one more way for community members to feel better about their travels on campus.”

Lieutenant Barrett and the Police Department are not the only ones who acknowledge the program’s benefits. Student Dillon Kean says, “It’s a great program. It especially benefits young women who are more at risk for sexual assault. I think the police here at MSU do a great job keep-

ing the campus safe.”

Student Taylor Hartley said, “It’s a great idea because even though this campus feels safe, it is still public so you never know who is wandering around at night.”

The University Police Department’s Hawk Walk is just one of the many safety programs offered to students here on campus.

Its Sexual Assault Team consists of trained police officers, advocates created to assist victims of sexual assault and even trained nurse examiners.

Its Community Emergency Response Team is a part of the US Citizen Corps Program and gives critical support to first responders in emergencies providing assistance to victims.

They even organize volunteers at a disaster site. The Bias Response Task Force (BRT) eliminates instances of bias intimidation and hate crimes. MSU also hosts a free “Street Smart Self Defense” class each Monday night in the Recreation Center from 6:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

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# Students Can Soon Charge Freely Around Campus



The Montclarion | Carley Hussein

Charging stations like the ones pictured above will allow students to charge their phones in various locations around campus.

Lindsay Rassmann  
MANAGING EDITOR

“Get Charged.” That’s the motto of the Student Government Association’s newest addition to the campus community: phone charging stations.

As students begin to get busier and use their phone more frequently, often times students find themselves willing their cell phones to stay alive until they’re able to find an available outlet or return home.

Many students, such as Domenica Ahmuty, sophomore, share a similar problem. “As a commuter, there’s never anywhere for me to charge my phone,” said Ahmuty.

The SGA is setting out to fix this problem by providing Montclair State with 60 separate charging stations that will be located at various locations

around campus. Preliminary locations for these stations are the Student Center, University Hall, Richardson Hall, Partridge Hall, Café Diem and the library.

Installation of these cell phone charging stations should be completed by the end of October and will be greeted by students eager for places to charge their phones.

“I think it’s an awesome idea. Whenever I see that my battery’s low when I’m in class, I always panic and look around for a place to charge it.” Asiye Konak, freshman, said.

The charging stations will feature four iPhone chargers, three Universal/droid chargers and one Blackberry charger. In order to not decrease the amount of outlets available for students, there will be additional outlets installed to accommodate stu-

dents’ needs.

Additionally, the charging stations, ordered from Kwikboost, are made in America. To make the deal even sweeter, a portion of all sales from charging stations is donated to Cell Phones For Soldiers, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing deployed and returning troops with cost-free methods to communicate while serving our country.

The concept of installing phone charging stations around campus is a relatively new idea for the SGA, with the idea coming from their annual retreat this past year to Missouri University.

“The E-board noticed their charging stations and witnessed how incredibly effective they were. Essentially, it was the inspiration for purchasing the charging stations and improving

the overall efficiency of campus,” the SGA said.

The charging stations cost approximately \$249 each and come with a three year warranty should anything happen to them. Additionally the company will send any new chargers, like the new lightning charger for the iPhone 5.

“We saw such positive feedback during the Missouri retreat and also when we presented the idea to individuals around campus. People seem to be excited about the charging stations and we only hope for that to continue.

This was something SGA did to try and enhance the student life here at Montclair. “We absolutely hope they [students] love them,” the SGA said.

## Rec Center and Club Sports Anticipate an Active Fall Season

Levon Syers  
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With the 2012-2013 school year finally underway, Montclair State University Campus Recreation’s Club Sports is gearing up for what is projected to be their most active season to date. The commencement of the season has come with a few changes, most notably the increase of staff members within their organization.

Changes this year also include the addition of five new sports teams under “Club Sports” management: softball, running, women’s soccer, wrestling and tennis. Dealing now with a considerably larger schedule and close to double the staff members, “Club Sports” is determined to provide excitement for students and staff alike this landmark season.

Junior Sean Gillan, who was recently employed by the Campus Recreation Center’s Club Sports as a financial coordinator, commented on his organization’s overall agenda and growing popularity.

“The goal of this year’s Club Sports organization is to expand our realm of influence...we want to have more sports, we want to have influence on the campus, lead people to have more active lifestyles and be able to compete without having to be at a varsity level.” Gillan continued, “We



Photo courtesy of the Rec Center.

Club Volleyball is one of the many sports available to students.

knew after the interest meetings held at the Recreation Center that there were a lot of people willing to participate in our programs. We pretty much doubled our staff this year, and brought on a lot of new different sports.”

Gillan also mentioned that Club Sports is pushing for a men’s soccer league this upcoming spring, but nothing concrete has been established as of yet. Regardless, the new sport teams offered this year only complement the pre-existing club sports that were offered at Montclair in the past, which include men’s volleyball, men’s baseball, women’s volleyball, ballroom dance, swim, men’s basketball and table tennis.

Consistently, men’s baseball and basketball annually rank as the more popular club sports managed by the Recreation Center. Nick Tomasso, who works for Campus Recreation’s Intramural Sports and is also apart of Uni-

versity’s club baseball team, says he can testify for the baseball club’s ever-increasing popularity, unity and strength. Considering the trials of his team last year and the upcoming hopes for this year, Tomasso had this to say about his club: “Our Secretary Brian Fredrick spoke a few words to me sometime after practice, and he said ‘This group is different from the past. It isn’t a bad thing but think about it. The first year we thought we could win, but we didn’t really win too many games. Last year, we were very confident and we won many games but not all of them. This year we are confident, and we know we can be the number one team in our division.’”

Tomasso also commented on the changes in playing location for the baseball club, which has undeniably been met with praise by both club and fans alike, “This year we have been granted the opportunity to play on the lo-

cal campus field along with the Jackals and the school team. Don’t fret, you will have plenty opportunities to come out and support us.” The club baseball team’s first home game is at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5th against Rider University at Yogi Berra Stadium.

It is important to clarify that club sports management at Montclair State University is primarily split up between two organizations: The Campus Recreation Center and the SGA. To further complicate the dynamic between groups, there are also club sports that like to operate more independently, an example being the MSU Ice Hockey Team.

Often times, both organizations have teams that will come and go, which is usually determined by the amount of management that particular club sport has internally that season.

If you are interested in signing up for a club sport this year, or if you would like to find out more information on how to start your own sports club, you can visit the Recreation Center’s Club Sports website at [montclair.edu/campusrec](http://montclair.edu/campusrec), or you can call 973-655-3346. You may also contact Carolyn Garrone, Program Coordinator of Intramural and Club Sports at 973-655-4041 for more information.



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bution to the social and economic well-being of the state and its people.”

The bond initiative will provide \$750 million in funds to construct or renovate facilities on the campuses of New Jersey colleges and universities.

More specifically, the bond would provide \$300 million for research universities. \$247.5 million would go to state colleges and universities, including Montclair State University. \$150 million would go to community colleges and \$52.5 million would go to private colleges and universities.

The goal of this bond is to improve instructional and research, student service and campus infrastructure. However, these funds would not be used for any revenue-generating facilities such as residence halls, dining facilities or athletic facilities.

According to President Cole, the highest priorities for any funds that Montclair State University would receive from the bond are split into three main categories.

The first priority is for an instructional and research facility supporting the University's programs in the Environmental and Life Sciences, which is planned to be constructed in the parking lot between Life Hall and Stone Hall.

The facility would include: trans-disciplinary research laboratories in fields such as parasitic diseases, oncology, virology, site decontamination and biodiversity; classrooms and laboratories for instruction; spaces for

university/industry collaborations and spaces for symposia and faculty offices.

“There are new labs in Science Hall, but Richardson Hall still lacks in quality,” said Madison Mazur, biology major. “That’s where most of my classes are. Richardson Hall is outdated and Science Hall isn’t, and it doesn’t give students equal opportunity who happen to have classes in Richardson.”

The facility would also house the Sokol Institute for the Pharmaceutical Life Sciences, the PSEG Institute for Sustainability

“...[if the bond is approved] institutions can make a very significant contribution to the social and economic well-being of the state.”  
-President Susan Cole

ty Studies and the Passaic River Institute.

“This facility is urgently needed as the University has a very severe shortage of science laboratories,” said President Cole.

The second priority is for a facility to replace the current undersized facility serving the 2,000 students enrolled in the School of Business.

According to President Cole, the facility would provide the specialized spaces for instruc-

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tion, student support, team projects, business and industry collaborations and learning technologies associated with contemporary undergraduate and graduate business education in fields including Accounting, Law and Taxation, Marketing, Economics, Finance, Management and Information Systems.

The facility will also house the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship and the Northwestern Mutual Trading Center, as well as faculty offices and student study space.

The third and final priority is in facilities for the University's high-demand programs in Communications, Media, Broadcasting and Film, all of which currently have a severe shortage of space for the specialized instructional activities required by these high-technology, high-equipment disciplines, as well as severe shortages of space for fac-

ulty and student project work.

The project would include the construction of a new facility for specialized television, radio and multi-media studios, as well as renovation of existing space for classrooms, faculty offices, technical and academic support services and student project and study space.

Many students are hoping that the bond is passed.

“Since I'm a film student, I think the bond's a great idea,” said Ryan Moore, film major and Student Assistant. “Though our state is just getting out of debt and it's a lot of money, I hope we can handle it. I'm definitely a supporter of getting better facilities.”

Students are encouraged to register to vote, so they too can have a say in the approval or denial of this bond that would give MSU an immense amount of funding.



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# WHAT'S TRENDING?



## Boots Made for Talkin'

Jacquelyn Loder  
STAFF WRITER

The transformation has started from flip-flops to this standard fall footwear. When fall hit, there was an outbreak of boots on campus.

As a standard, I think I can make an acceptable rule that once the leaves start to change, open-toe shoes need to get the "boot."

I want to break up the overall category of boots into four subdivisions of styles.

First, there's what I like to call the "Catwoman" style. This style of boot is typically black and consists of studs, chains, buckles and zippers. This look gives a bad girl vibe. Try not to overload the rest of your look with zippers and chains — you don't want to look too bad.

Second, my personal favorite, the "Indian" style. This has fringe and native patterns.

Third is the "riding" boot that is usually in a solid color, classic cut and is flat.

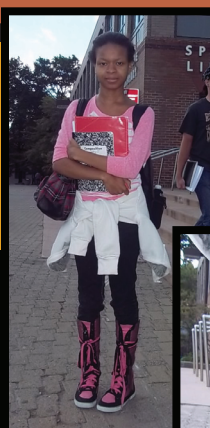
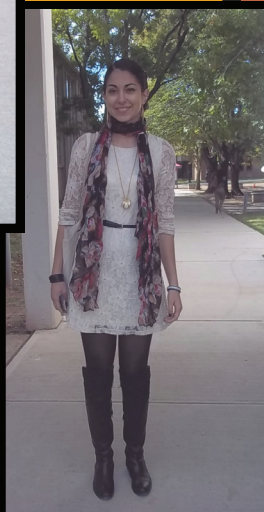
Lastly, is what I call the "rugged" boot. This is where military-style boots fit in along with an oxford inspired look.

Now that you have the basics, how do you choose the right option for you? For muscular or curvy figures, a boot with a sleek pointy-toe that is either above or below the widest part of your leg is best. To add more dimension to thinner legs pick a pattern or fringe.

Overall, before you consider buying any type of boots, make sure they fit your personality and style. Either way, boots can really pull your outfit together for a more sophisticated look, not to mention, great for when the temperatures begin to fall.



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# Brighton Asylum

## Opening preview of haunted attraction fund raiser for children's cancer

**Victoria Fisher**  
STAFF WRITER

It is far too often that we hear of someone or know someone that has been affected by cancer in some way, shape or form. I have had close family members that have been diagnosed with this deadly and terrible disease. It is unfortunate, but true to say that cancer is something that not only ruins but ends lives. It is through the efforts of many people, doctors and organizations that cures and treatments have been found and are continuously looked for.

Adrian Ciccone is an individual who has taken the opportunity to help a specific group affected by cancer: children. She has partnered with non-profit private organization, Make Some Noise, in order to help raise money for this cause. Make Some Noise was actually founded by an 11-year old boy named Malcolm.

Malcolm was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, which is a highly aggressive and malignant tumor. After going through various types of rehabilitation, this courageous boy decided that he wanted to raise more awareness for pediatric cancer. He started by selling wristbands and giving every dollar that he made to hospitals. Malcolm would then progress and establish the national foundation that is now known as Make Some Noise.

When I spoke with Adrian and asked her what sparked her interest in getting involved with the organization, it was quite evident she has a passion for helping others. "Sometimes it just feels good to do good." Adrian expressed to me that far too often when money needs to be raised for cancer, events such as benefits and formal dinners are the go-to plan. By doing a Halloween event, she is making something that would usually be quite somber into a good time for a good cause.

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The location of the event is a place known as Brighton Asylum. BrightonAsylum.com describes the location as such: "Brighton Asylum's industrial complex is a series of warehouses that were used for housing the sick and mentally disabled back in the mid 1940s. After years of harsh living conditions and grotesque medical experiments, the patients eventually overran the facility and seized control. For years, locals complained about the screams coming from the complex. In an attempt to hide the facility, a mansion was built around the exterior of the asylum with a secret passage leading through the walls. In 1952, the state conducted an investigation due to the disappearance of several staff members and patients."

The complex has been closed since, until now. The event will be held on Oct. 4 at the Brighton Asylum, located at 2 Brighton Avenue in Passaic.

The activities that will take place include a raffle for the new iPad and monster face painting. Oct. 4 will also serve as a sneak preview to the official opening of the Brighton Asylum that will be open for the duration of October. The proceeds for the event will all go to the Make Some Noise foundation.

# Bringing Home the Bacon

## Success stories from women shedding light on the future

**Jocelyn Choi**  
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In trying to catch up on some required reading in my first couple weeks at MSU, I came across a curious looking book on the campus library's "New Books" shelf titled "The Richer Sex. How the New Majority of Female Breadwinners is Transforming Sex, Love, and Family." I knew I had plenty to read already, but I could not *not* check out this book. I read through it in less than a week and then told everyone about it. Now I'll impart the information to you my fellow readers.

You have to admit you're intrigued as much as I was. Why? Because most of us know that men have traditionally been the breadwinners and as much as we don't want to admit it, some of us still expect them to be. As much as I would like to do a little victory dance for women everywhere when coming across this title, I also began to wonder how members of the more masculine sex will take the news.

We have reached this conclusion of the "richer sex" from research that shows in seven years time, women will become 60 percent of the undergraduate students and 61 percent of the post-baccalaureate ones. As you and I know, a higher education leads to a better paying job. This also implies that every college guy can have up to 1.5 college female dates; and if we factor in same sex couples, well, it could tip the scales even more. Furthermore, this phenomenon is not only happening in the United States, but all over the world.

If women are bringing home larger salaries, some couples may reason that the male partner should stay home, be responsible for household duties and making sure the kids get proper attention. Are men man enough to take on traditionally female roles? Who is to say what "the right family" is anyway, right? But who is to say this new particular family situation will work well? Experience has taught me, and the book also mentions, that men not only like bringing home the bacon, but they like to bring home more bacon than their partners.

I can picture my girlfriends and I sitting and hanging out and saying, "Well, men have to change. They have to adapt to modern society. After all, we can't simply stop getting an education, stop pursuing our careers and get barefoot and pregnant." And we women will be willing to change too, in order to help make the transition easier for the good of the many. First, we have to be ready to accept that our men will have received less formal education and consequently not make more money than us.

As a single female who is now pursuing her second graduate degree, I thought I'd tried a little informal experiment myself to see what the status is at MSU now. I sat in the PSE&G Lounge in University Hall on a busy weekday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. I counted how many

women and men were in the lounge with me. Eight men and 12 women. As an advocate of good research, I decided to try a variation of the experiment. I tallied the number of women and men that walked past me in two minutes time. Seven men, 14 women. The conclusion of my experiment is that according to the research mentioned above, students at MSU are ahead of seven years in the future! Great! "Vive la revolution of female empowerment," you may say.

Perhaps some of us will adapt and perhaps others will want to stay more traditional. Perhaps some of us will say that we don't need a man. The point I'm trying to make is that I enjoy having men in my life. They are not only people to share our lives with, but some of their numerous attributes include the ability to fix things, carry heavy objects and lend you their jacket when you're chilly.





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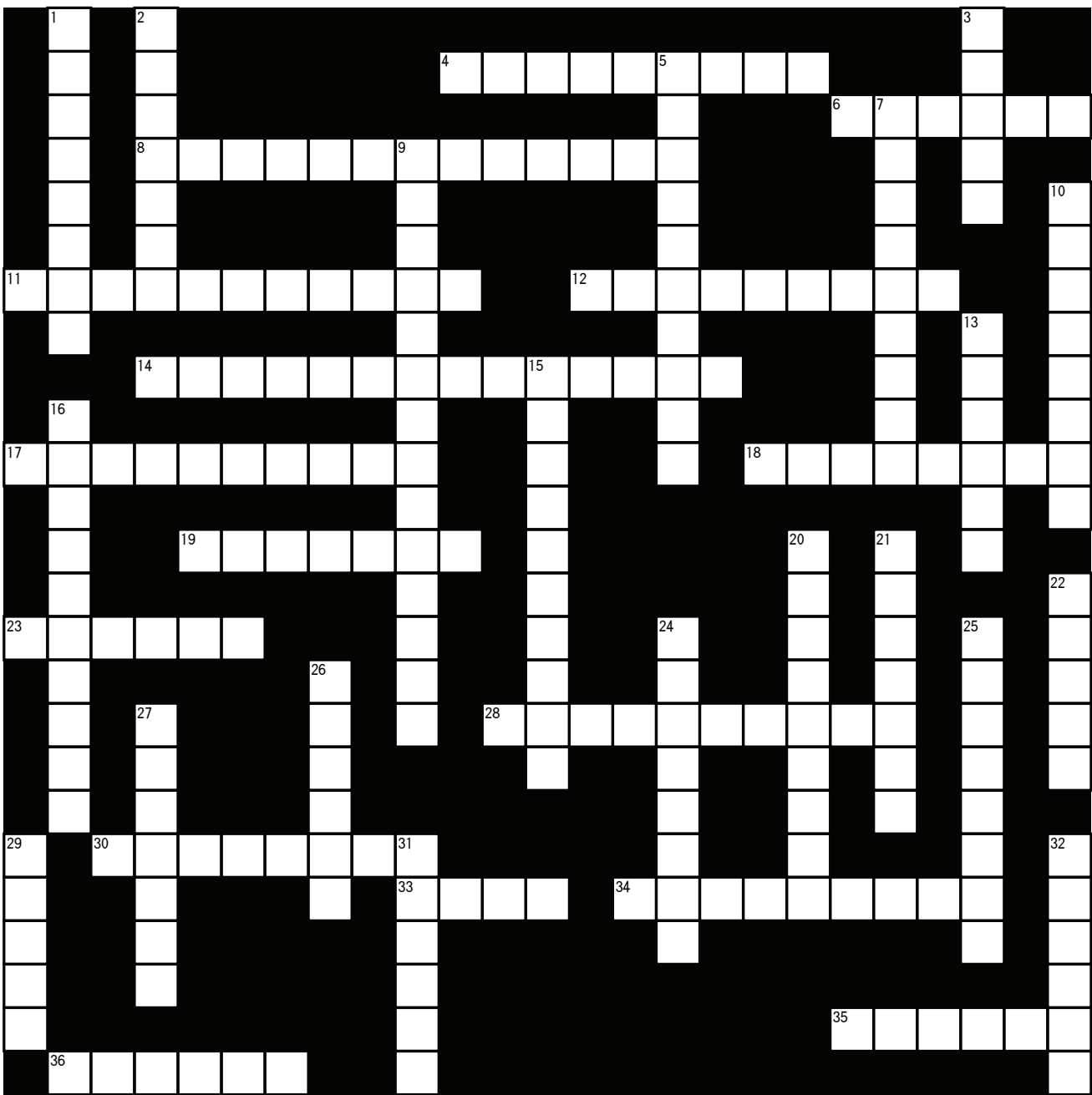
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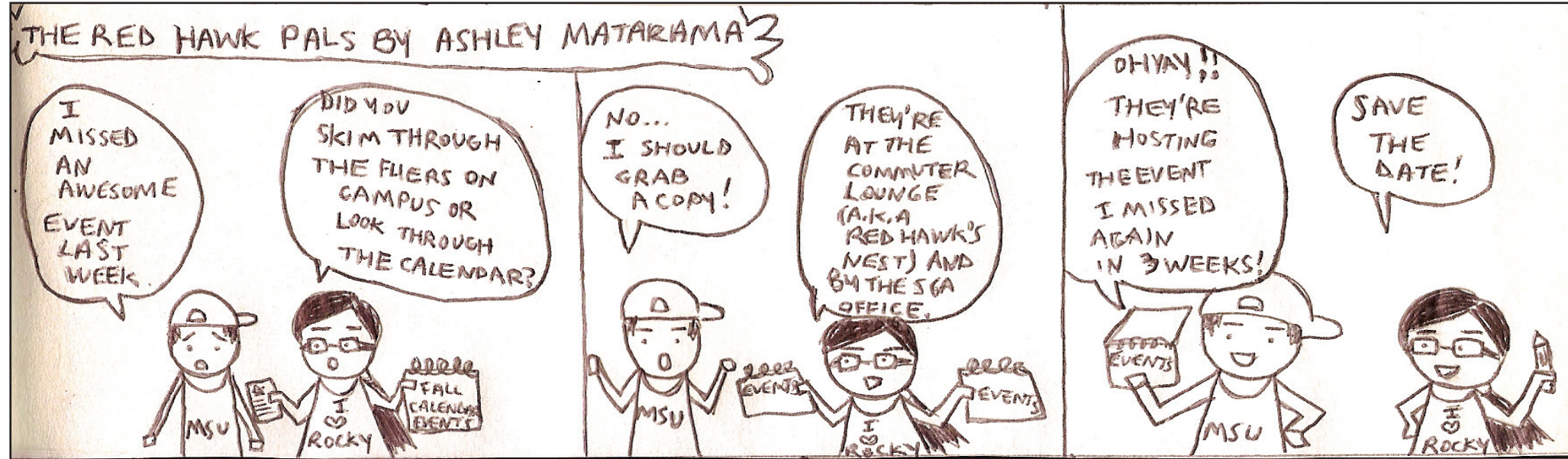


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  - 12 Harry's love interest (until 6th book)
  - 14 "Real" Hogwarts champion
  - 17 Hogwarts headmaster
  - 18 Wizarding school
  - 19 Wizard prison
  - 23 Harry's pet owl
  - 28 Voldemort's real name
  - 30 Ron's "pet rat"
  - 33 Actress who portrays Hermione
  - 34 Professor Snape's house
  - 35 Ron/Wood's Quidditch position
  - 36 Draco's father

- Down
- 1 Pettigrew's nickname
  - 2 Black's nickname
  - 3 Only daughter of Molly and Arthur Weasley
  - 5 Filch's cat
  - 7 Professor Flitwick's house
  - 9 Beauxbatons' champion
  - 10 Draco's mother
  - 13 Keeper of keys and grounds at Hogwarts
  - 15 McGonagall's house
  - 16 Professor Sprout's house
  - 20 Popular wizarding sport
  - 21 Ron's phobia
  - 22 Potions master/Potter's enemy
  - 24 Fastest broom in the world
  - 25 Brightest witch of her age
  - 26 Actor who portrays Harry
  - 27 Object you put part of your soul into
  - 29 Lupin's nickname
  - 31 Harry's Quidditch position
  - 32 Actor who portrays Ron





## Rock the Vote



Victoria Leta | The Montclarion

This presidential election is an extremely important one for the future of our nation.

Presidential elections always seem to be neck-and-neck until the end with politicians consistently trying to tap into the force that is the youth vote. America's youth is historically a demographic all political parties seek to capture each election season. This is largely due to the fact that so many of this nation's youth population are not registered to vote and their collective

power has the potential to swing elections.

During the 2008 election, Barack Obama had countless youth and numerous celebrities representative of "Young Hollywood" promoting his platform, making it hip and cool to vote. This certainly didn't hurt Obama and may have even given him the extra push he needed to win the presidency against John McCain.

This election has been considerably more dim than 2008 with a lack of star-power (perhaps because of Obama's incumbency compared to his initial election in 2008 to get to The White

House), making the job of registering new voters harder than ever. As students of one of the largest universities in New Jersey, we need to make sure we get out and vote and make all our voices heard.

Many students today find themselves torn between political parties, struggling to connect to either one. At a time when unemployment is high and the economy is struggling, it would be all too easy to sit idly by and let other people decide our future. We need to stand up for the America that will soon be ours and make sure we start shaping it today. It

would be irresponsible of us to complain about the status of our government and not give ourselves the option to vote and change what we see wrong.

For many of us, this will be the first election that we're old enough to be able to vote in. As the future leaders, thinkers and designers of our nation's future, the decisions we make today, in this election or even in future elections, will undoubtedly have a profound impact on all of our futures.

We need to make sure we register to vote and eliminate the reputation that the youth has of not registering to vote.

We have the power to turn this election around and it's important that we stand up for the things that matter to us, now and in the future.

The Montclair State community has been making quite an effort so far this semester to make sure students register to vote and are aware of the process.

Kudos go out to Femvolution, who have been heading registration drives, as well as Residential Education. CAs have approached many resident students with registration forms, whether it is a first time registration or an address change. For the

first time, polling stations will be located on Montclair's campus on Election Day, eliminating any excuse not to vote.

Registering to vote could not be easier through all the organizations on campus willing to help any confused, busy or undecided student through the process.

However, if for some reason you're not able to register with one of the organizations around campus, through the wonders of the Internet, registration forms are also available online at [rockthevote.com](http://rockthevote.com) and many other websites.

Six million people didn't vote in the 2008 election because they did not know how to register or because they missed their state's voter registration deadline, according to the US Census.

Rock the vote. Don't be one of them.

Even if you're unsure how you want to vote, make it a point to get out and register before it's too late. Don't leave yourself unable to vote on November 6. Take a stand for anything and everything you find important. You'll be glad you did.

## No Battery Left Uncharged



Victoria Leta | The Montclarion

There it goes again; your phone is buzzing a warning, "Low battery." You wouldn't have guessed that your phone would die in just a few hours. Oh wait, you left your Wi-Fi on. You also seem to have left your charger at home. Well, the SGA has come to

your aid. With the school's approval the SGA has implemented a plan to add cell phone charging stations around campus.

They will be these small boxes that contain multiple cell phone chargers, making a charger accessible to all students.

This may not seem like a revolutionary addition to

the most desperate situations.

While lounging around the Student Center, commuters can easily plug in their phones and allow them to charge. It's an improvement to the school that's actually beneficial to the commuters. The phone chargers are going to be the first step in making Montclair State Uni-

versity a more commuter-friendly place.

Regardless of the naysayers, the cellphone chargers will be beneficial to all students. Most of us have to admit there are those times when we wished that we had an extra charger at hand and now the school is providing the students with those means. It's like a genie appeared and granted one of our most simple requests, making a slight discomfort in our lives more bearable.

If any of us have learned anything from the movie "The Craft," it is that everything comes back to you three-fold. The idea of a world where students can charge their phones in peace is like a fairy tale.

Some concerns that come to mind are the safety of one's phone. If a student isn't carefully observing their phone, someone can easily steal it. Another concern that comes to mind is the availability of the chargers.

Many students will disregard bringing their own chargers around, in fears of

losing them or just plain laziness, causing many students to flock around these stations like geese.

This would make the charging station situation much like the situation with the laundry rooms in the dormitories. People will be fighting for the opportunity to unplug others phones in order to charge their own.

As for the security of the chargers, it appears they are safely stored behind heavy-duty plaques.

So it looks like they will be there to stay. Even with those smaller concerns aside, the chargers will stay intact. They are a dependable way to charge your phone.

All in all, the edition of the charger stations will not be a bad one. We can only sit here and wait for their arrival to determine if there will be any problems with theft.

It should be something all MSU students should look forward to as long as the power to charge your phone isn't abused.



# From Diapers to Walking Sticks: Sibling Rivalry Turned Frivolous

## Middle child settles into family dynamics



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COLUMNIST

We fight, play, work, celebrate, bicker, cry with, push, define, understand, brawl and reach out to these people.

These are the human beings that we brave the storm with and also throw under the bus when the time comes.

They characterize us into who we are and what role we play in society. In an instant, they can be our worst enemy and our greatest confidant, all in one.

We look at them for support, sources of envy and rage, yet share a myriad of entities. For numerous people in the past, present and future, our existence is based on where we fit in amongst them.

They have seen us at our finest hour and have witnessed our most embarrassing moments. They are our role models and caregivers, a shoulder to cry on and an arm to pinch.

Our relationships with them are typically abnormal. It is someone to love, a person to annoy and crush and someone to guide.

It seems as though we share our own significant hatred for, and at the same time, a special kind of love reserved for them. We seem to share

many things with them in our childhood and adolescent years.

Our siblings define and determine our personalities and mold us into who we are in life. The brothers and sisters we have mold us into the very human beings we are today.

Growing up, my family dynamic was pretty typical in terms of an American household. It consisted of two working parents, an older brother and a much younger sister. Being the middle child was not the easiest thing to cope with, to say the least.

Having a sort of a dual role when it comes to family is tough and a somewhat frustrating experience. I was the learner and the role model, the amateur and was supposed to be the perfect example for my younger sister.

I tried to be the ideal sister and caregiver while being overshadowed by my brother’s accomplishments.

My cute little sister was adored and my older brother was admired and seen as superior being the first born son.

I am not sure where that left me, and to this day I cannot say I have any more of a clue. Through it all, the person I am today is shaped by these two individuals. I am forever a student learning from my elders and a never ending mentor and role model.

I have always looked up to my older brother John in numerous amount of ways. Being the oldest, he definitely bears the burden of the highest expectations most parents have.

He paves the road and is a natural born leader. The older siblings are the cautionary tales, who we look to for guidance in times of trouble. They help us reach an understanding of who we are by comparison. The experiences and milestones in their life seem to reflect in our own lives.

We constantly compare our lives to our older siblings. They bear the brunt of our parents’ mistakes and are the first ones to sail uncharted waters.

Older siblings are our idols in our childhood. They are the all-stars and we cannot help but want to be just like them: mature, grown up and experienced.

We learn how to be us. It defines us and shapes us into who we are as individuals. Their positive achievements are commended and envied by the younger siblings while their mistakes are learned and criticized. We look toward our future through them and anticipate who we will become.

My eight year old sister is a different story. Younger siblings are a cause for annoyance, pain and anger in many cases. Name calling and bickering seem to go hand in hand with any elementary school child.

It is either her way or the highway and a countless number of worn out parents will give in to the constant nagging. They have been there and done that and parenting is not new but it certainly is getting old.

With my parents, this seems to be the case.

We have our own personal princess in the house and that is my little sister. With her numerous amounts

of frustrations throughout my adolescence, I had to give up what every fifteen year old teenager wishes to have: freedom and separation.

With both my parents working, I was left to practically raise my sister after school and be her ultimate caregiver. My independence as a young girl was at stake! As a result of this, I learned the value of family.

We all make sacrifices for each other: supporting, loving and guiding one another through bad times.

My younger sister has shaped me into becoming a role model and to always think about my actions. She helped me grow into the person I am today because of my role as her older sibling.

I have a clear understanding that she looks up to me and it is part of my motivation to do well and accomplish my goals in life. I strive to be someone she can follow in a positive way. She is one of the reasons why I want to achieve my dreams and become an independent woman.

From diapers to walking sticks, our relationships with people change drastically. Friends, co-workers, peers and even significant others come and go but the bond with our siblings will be forever. We grow with them and become who we are through our siblings.

Our purpose is defined and personalities are shaped. They are our best friends, our worst enemies and our equals. The bond between brothers and sisters is like no other and they define us into the human beings we are today.

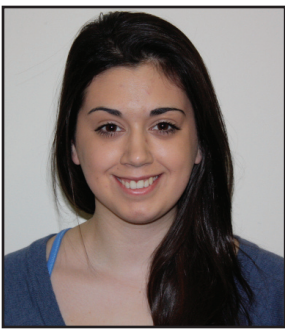
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# Voting With Your Best Interest At Heart

## Focus on candidates and their views on major issues not gossip



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The election is almost a month away, and voters are clinging to their news sources more than ever.

It is always around this time when some individuals dust off their newspapers, clean their glasses and bring out the political animal within them. It is, after all, an election for picking the best representation that assures the sustainability of our rights and protection of our beliefs to whatever degree majority see fit.

As of now, those individuals seeking political knowledge (which unfortunately, should be a higher number than it is) are privy to an abundance of ‘back and forth’ information. But what constitutes as a true political talking point, and a ‘distraction’ (a non major issue)?

In the passed few weeks, a series of situations have happened that some consider potential game changers. For instance, Republican candidate Mitt Romney was videotaped during a private fundraiser in Florida, commenting on the voting population that left a segment of individuals outraged.

For those unaware, in this video, Romney proclaimed that 47 percent of voters would, without a doubt, vote for Obama.

He explains that it is because this percentage does not pay federal taxes and that they believe there are entitled to housing, health care, food, etc. Romney, in a poor position by being caught saying such things, called this group “victims.”

However, is this information pertaining to the election significant enough to alter a decision?

“The connotation that if you do not pay federal taxes, you’re a victim that expects government handouts, and that you are in fact lazy,” stated Gil B., a political science major as we further analyzed the significance of the video.

On the contrary, others were indifferent. A Gallup poll testing Romney’s likability after the 47 percent comment stated that: 36 percent were less likely to vote for him, 20 percent were more likely to vote for him, and 40 percent were indifferent.

It seems as though the majority of the public finds this video a distraction, however, a large percentage also believe it is a political talking point because it will influence their voting process.

In the same regard, what has been said is said and despite it being very arguably mean, is it still worth discussing? Is it really worth changing a vote or dismissing a vote for?

There are obvious issues worth changing a vote for- the hot button issues like abortion, women’s rights, unemployment and even foreign policy.

A specific concern is the United Nations/United States response to Iran. Obama recently delivered a speech at the United Nations on this issue. In an earlier interview, he proclaimed that Iran was just “noise.”

Despite whatever side of the spectrum a person stands on with foreign policy, it seems as though a nuclear situation with Iran should be on the list of ‘game changer’ versus a video that was secretly taped showing essentially a private conversation- one that is arguably rude words.

There should be more concern over how Romney’s foreign policy will be if he is elected into office. How will he handle the situation with Iran versus his comments to a few wealthy individuals?

As members of the voting population, it is our job to sift through all of the information about our candidates and make sure distractions remain as such, and the serious political talking points, are the main facets of conversation when discussing which presidential candidate will be chosen.

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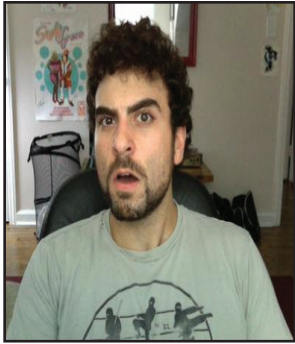


# One Man’s Journey Through the Infinite Time-Hair Continuum

## The beard that braced and survived the elements



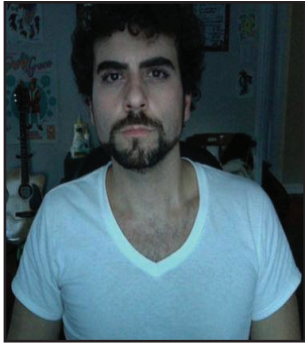
Week 1



Week 3



Week 5



Week 6



Week 9

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COLUMNIST

**Week 1:** During the Summer months, I made the decision to grow out my beard with the initial intent to complement a custom Game of Thrones costume I will be donning this upcoming Halloween.

If only I knew by making this commitment that I'd be putting my very essence into a difficult and arduous transformation, I may have been more hesitant to undertake such an endeavor. It is true: what ostentatiously appears as my chronological journal-once to the discovery of key factors to consider when addressing issues regarding (but not limited to): the meaning of life, the space-time continuum, alchemy, American History, telepathy, bears, autonomous objects and the uses for beard hair. This is my story. Please read carefully.

**Week 2:** It has been one week of growing/trimming. I will continue this regal style beard until I seem fit to cut it off.

**Week 3:** After sending resumes and cover letters to prospective employers — both at my university and elsewhere — I have yet to hear any responses. I had an interview that went swimmingly a few weeks back, only to be given the run around by a twenty-something year-old girl with no honor ("I'll let you know regardless!" said the lady that never let me know regardless). Typically, I would be frustrated from the lack of response and common courtesy. However, after looking at my beard this morning, I came to the conclusion that in this world there exists two types of people: people with beards, and people who follow the people with the beards.

**Week 4:** As my beard continues to grow, so does my confidence in life. Since the last entry, I have written a kick-ass song about a swing set, received two call-backs, which led me to a small graduate

student position doing some writing on campus with the Recreation Center. I've also been running faster, which I completely attribute to the aerodynamics that my new beard has provided to my face.

Ladies, you might think a beard makes a man's face look ugly, but you cannot deny the power of the beard, or you may end up growing one yourself.

**Week 5:** After deliberating for quite some time, I decided that trimming my beard was an acceptable practice, and I may even help it grow faster for the upcoming Halloween festivities I'm planning. As you can see, I am becoming more powerful by the day. The beer I am holding was not purchased because the cashier, after seeing my beard, freely gave the six-pack away. I got a free bed this week. I have acquired a second job playing the guitar for little kids on the weekends. Wonder why? I sent in a video of myself playing the guitar and they recognized the power. I'm not sure what length I should let my beard get to. I may need some advice as to gauge the severity of the situation. Will the world implode? Will women hide their children? Who knows?

**Week 6:** Pillars of yesteryear tumble to the Earth. Oceans carve new paths onto its surface. Desert sands erase past empires, yet my beard still stands. It seems I have transcended standard communication in public while amongst other beards, a sort of telepathy, if you will. An aura of majesty, produced by "it," seemed to have brought one Indian store clerk straight to his knees today.

Half of my contemporaries thought I was at the school to give a lecture to professors about the duality of Western Imperialism. If they only knew I was trying to use the bathroom, they might have asked to watch. I'm not 100 percent certain what the future holds for me. Be warned. This pipe was not in my room yesterday. It just magically appeared

near my beard this morning. I believe that beards have the ability to find smoke shops via sleepwalking.

**Week 7:** The beard exists only so that I may abide. Tears of sadness came today following the departure of a great friend, roommate and fellow soldier on the literary battlefield, Wayan Swardhani.

Coupled with the frustration of losing my car keys at one of the busiest airports in the world, it became obvious that my beard was at war with forces outside my realm of understanding. After the tears were soaked up and used as a fertilizer, a rainbow cascaded from the sky. The Port Authority willingly gave me their cruiser to help facilitate my search, which ended with a cart attendant on his knees and crying for having forsook "the power."

Birds landing on park benches to witness the Taj Mahal in beard form passing by is now a daily occurrence. New Jersey Lottery now scratches off their own tickets for a chance to meet "it." It shall persevere; it shall remain glorious.

**Week 8:** A child gingerly bounced up to greet me on the sidewalk today, identifying me as "daddy." When I tried to explain to him that I am not his father, his mother interjected, "No, Johnny. This is the man I wish your father was." They continued about their way. I decided to put up strands of my beard hair on eBay to help subsidize its increased affinity for microbrews. The result was a worldwide market crash online from the eBay community.

I am now one of the main financiers for eBay and am an honorary member on its Board of Trustees. For every inch I give, my beard turns it into the Autobahn. See that guitar behind me? I restrung it with braided pieces of beard. It is now a fully functional, fully autonomous organism that enjoys long walks on the beach, a nice port wine

and some jazz to go with its surprisingly keen intellect. There is no Levon, only Beard. What's good for the Beard is good for the gander. Beard is all you need. Money does grow on beards. The beard is mightier than the word and the sword combined.

**Week 9:** The interlude has concluded. No longer can I idly sit by without regarding the beard as a vital part of my existence. On the advice of a friend, coupled with my own curiosity to understand my beard's forestall attributes, I decided to go on a camping trip this weekend. Campfires were not a problem while I was there. One hair from my beard provided the fuel and burning capacity of two full "cords" of wood.

During a solitary hike along a trail to reflect on my hairy existentialism, I encountered a black bear. I have heard that in Native American folklore, the bear is the brother of man, for they both share similar muscle structures and are greedy creatures. Of course, this is folklore. The real reason the black bear bought me a beer that night was because he respected the primal power that resonated from my face. That is man's common ground with the bear (note: Grizzly Adams had a beard).

After using a Brillo pad fabricated from my beard hair to clean a few dirty pans last night, I awoke to find that they turned into solid gold. This phenomenon also applies to toothbrushes, hence why I'm not showing my teeth in this picture. Yes, friends and colleagues, the key to alchemy is beard hair. I pulled out a white hair from my beard this morning.

Another earthquake rippled throughout Indonesia. I will no longer pull out the white hairs in my beard. "To lengthen thy life, grow thy beard," Poor Richard says. Count your blessings, and the hairs that make up your beard.

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# Is The Fall Of Facebook Among Us

## Websites such as Twitter rise in popularity



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EDITOR

and has gained significant distance over Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and Tumblr. But in the most recent leg of the race, the supreme reign of Facebook has slowed.

From February to July 2012, the website lost approximately 1.1 percent of its users, which may not seem like many people until one takes into consideration that over 950 million people have Facebook accounts.

What could cause the social networking giant to lose millions of users in the span of a half year?

The answer for many is that

Facebook has recently ceased to be exactly what it originally marketed itself as: a place for uninhibited sharing of ideas and information about oneself.

Facebook is singular among many of its social networking competition because, in nature, it demands self-identification. There are no handles or usernames to hide behind, and the icon which presents users to the rest of the online world is most frequently a picture of themselves.

Facebook has always been about putting oneself out there for the world to see, with the best of intentions for social growth among users.

But, as Facebook grew in popularity, users preferred the popularity and feigned sense of belonging which so many equate with the number of Facebook friends they have.

Instead of adding true, “real-life” friends, classmates and colleagues, people began adding strangers or anyone they had ever

heard of to their friends list.

This marked Facebook’s transition from a personal outlet to a website on which the fear of acquaintances’ ridicule has stifled free thought and expression.

Many students simply feel as if they cannot relate to their Facebook friends anymore, because they are not actually friends in real life, and so, they withdraw from the famed website to find other online mediums for sharing ideas and opinions.

Similarly, users go through “friend purges,” deleting the people who they are not friends with, in order to make the community much smaller, and more inviting.

But, for most, it’s so easy to press the “Accept Friend Request” button on the top left corner without thinking about whether being friends on Facebook displays any gesture of true, meaningful friendship.

This ironic depersonalization of the social networking site designed to be the most personal thus opens

the pathway for new online giants to compete.

Twitter, in particular, seems to be closing in on Facebook as every day the website, as well as the company, gets slower and slower.

What will the end result be? Possibly a large migration of users over a slow amount of time from Facebook to whatever novel social networking site is destined to be the next big thing.

And, of course, although Facebook may be losing its gargantuan lead on all other websites in the race of social networking, it still boasts close to 1 billion users. Facebook is nowhere near obsolete, and a renaissance may be possible and even necessary for the website to keep its position as the king of social networking.

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## An Awkward Tale Gets a Film Debut

### A look at *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*



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This film adaptation didn't disappoint!

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When it was announced that *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky was being adapted into a film, brooding teenagers across the world shrieked with excitement, and I was one of them. After the initial excitement, I—as well as many other fans of the book—were skeptical. After all, this was the book which had gotten us through some of our darkest moments. Could the

book we relied so heavily on in our early teenage years translate into a movie just as powerful and endearing?

My answer, at least, is yes. The movie opened last weekend in a handful of theaters across the country, and I was lucky enough to see it opening night in New York City. For the most part, the movie is faithful to the events, flow and mood of the novel, likely because the movie was directed by the novel's author. It was magical to see Chbosky's words materialize into scenes and characters. Authors rarely

hold authority over how their works are put into motion, so seeing Chbosky's vision in relation to his writing was truly special to witness.

The movie gained a lot of attention, not only because of the popularity of the novel, but also because it was one of actress Emma Watson's first roles in her post-Harry Potter career. The actress portrayed leading lady Sam and delivered an appropriate performance. Although her acting was a tad lackluster in some of the more casual scenes, Watson's moments of high drama delivered and

showed how much the actress has progressed since appearing in the Potter films.

However, the star of the show was definitely actor Logan Lerman in his portrayal of the novel's protagonist, Charlie. Perhaps one of the most delightful scenes was Charlie's wallflower moment at a school dance, when he overcomes his awkward shyness and begins to break out of his shell.

Lerman demonstrated similar greatness in scenes of more serious content as well. He acted seamlessly through the bumpier patches in Charlie's freshman year—from the drug use, to his first girlfriend, to his witness of domestic abuse, to mental illness and deterioration. Lerman captured his audience from his first appearance, and I know that for me, he still hasn't let me go. Charlie has stayed in my mind all this week.

Actor Ezra Miller was another wonderful addition to the cast. Similar to Lerman, he treated the serious sides of the character Patrick with dignity and earnestness.

But, he also created a tremendously endearing goofball personality for Patrick, and kept the audience laughing throughout the movie.

My only main criticism of the movie is that there was

an obvious deviance from the novel in the omission of Charlie's sister's abortion. Perhaps this is because the subject is more controversial and politically-charged than the other adult themes of the movie, but it was disappointing to see such an important issue among women abandoned for issues with less political stigma.

That section could have also been cut to keep the movie at a tolerable time length of 103 minutes. I know that I wouldn't have minded staying in the theater for another 20 minutes if it meant seeing this storyline addressed in the film.

It's such a rare experience to go to the movies, and at the instant the credits roll, you have the desire to watch the movie again, immediately.

This is the impression *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* left me with, and for that, I have only the highest praise for its cast and crew.



## Movie Night at Sprague

### Amazing films at the campus library

**Rashard Bradshaw**  
Arts Editor

*Kids* chronicles the misadventures of Telly, a slim framed rebel coming to terms with the destructive nature of his teen angst. New York City serves as the urban backdrop, adding a hint of danger around every corner.

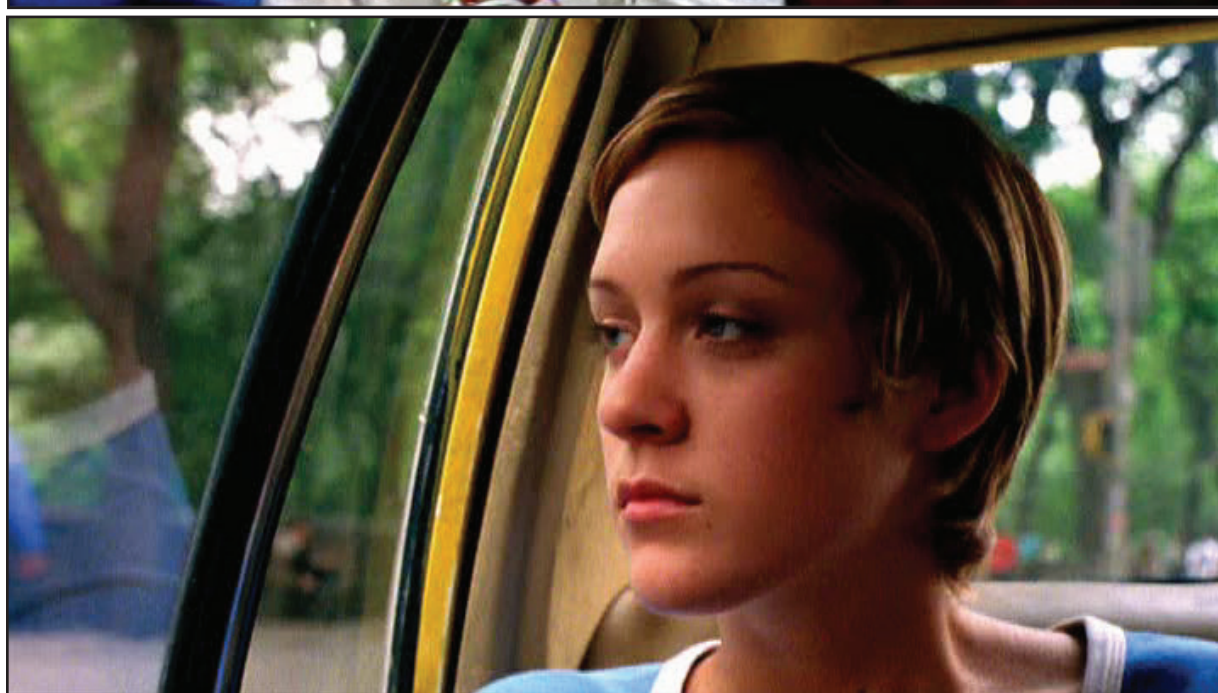
The cast of supporting characters are a pack of misguided misfits who rummage around the city wreaking hormonal havoc in the streets and at underground teen raves they attend till the wee hours of the morning.

This 1995 cult classic, directed by Larry Clark, is an intimate look at the ups and downs many youth face head on. Peer pressure, drugs, family issues and the love of mindless fun fuel the youth followed throughout the film.

The audience watches avidly as many of the characters unhealthy lifestyle choices turns the purity of their youth into a full-on nightmare.

Telly's role in the film changes drastically from innocent to villainous; going from a baby-faced seducer to a murderer, who unknowingly transmits the HIV virus to Jennie, a sweet girl who spends the majority of the film searching for Telly to break the news.

Honest and gripping, *Kids* is a gut-wrenching revelation about the reality of growing up and the growing pains associated with it.



A cult classic documenting the horrors of teen angst.

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# Blast from the Past

## Album of the Week



Rashard Bradshaw  
Arts Editor

**Download List:**

“Boyz”

“Jimmy”

“\$20”

“Down River”

“XR2”



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*Kala* was the second release from the Tamil alternative songstress M.I.A. A mix of dancehall, tribal and techno influences, this project catapulted M.I.A. from the underground into the mainstream spotlight with the commercial success of her single “Paper Planes.” Her look, sound and swag fueled the social network generation to express themselves in ways no one was doing at the time, making her a music and fashion “it” girl. M.I.A.’s journey to fame wasn’t free from a few scandals. Her edgy persona and mission to shed light on the genocide taking place in her homeland of Sri Lanka didn’t always translate well in American media and her Twitter

ter feud with the *New York Times* almost gave her infamous status. With minimal features that include music heavy-hitters like Diplo and Timbaland and virtually unknown artists like Afrikan Boy, *Kala* was a progressive project that pushed the boundaries of what American listeners considered dance music.

**Editor’s Rating:**  
**4.5/5 Stars**

**Have a suggestion for the next “Blast from the Past” Album?**

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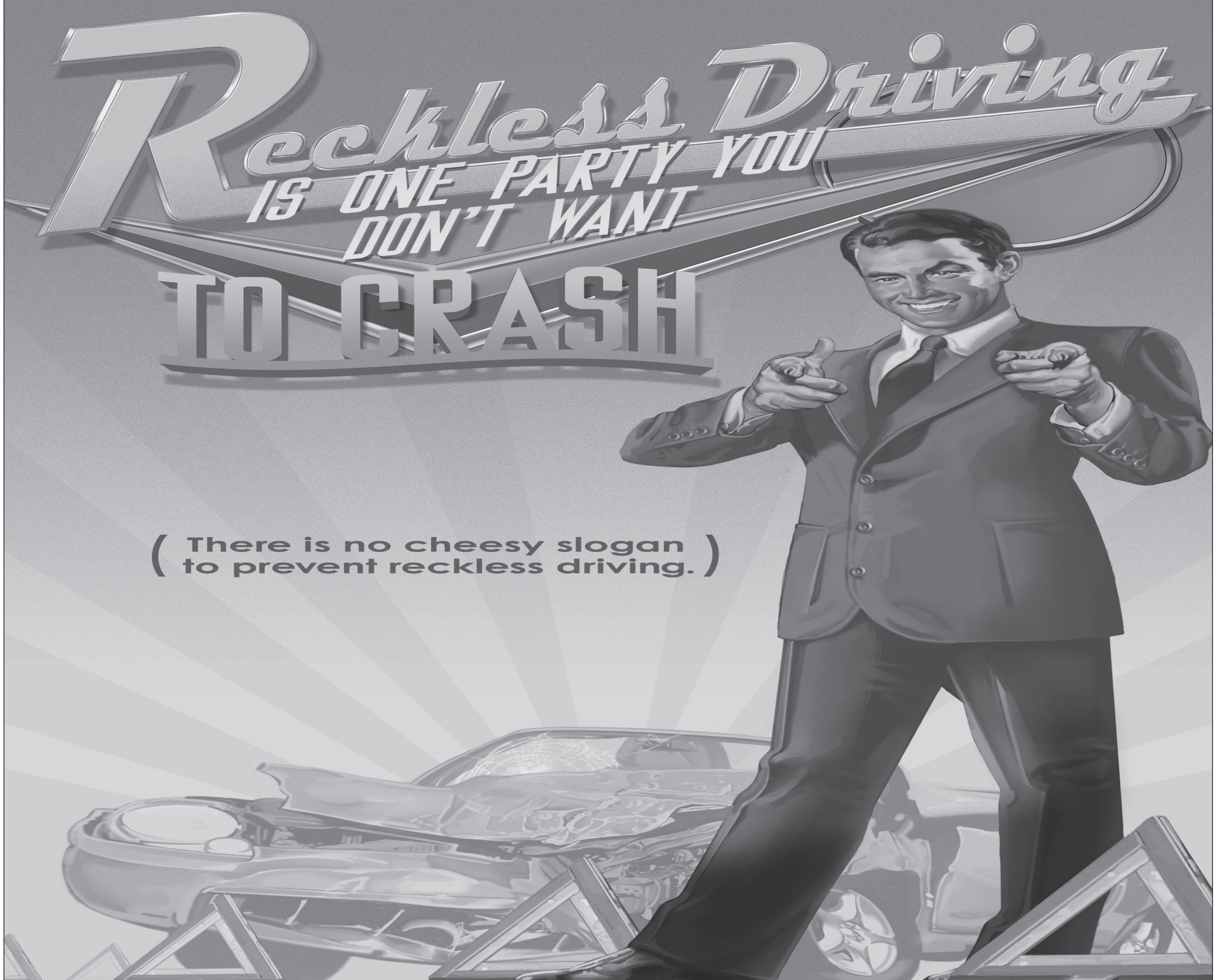
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September 27, 2012

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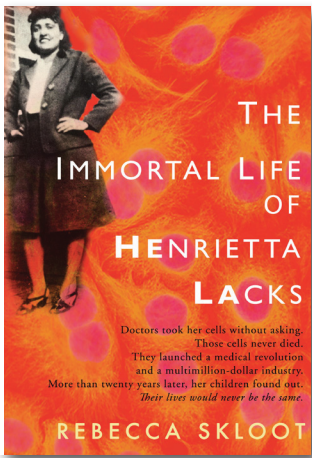


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“Bioethics and the Body Politic”

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Dr. Brigid Harrison will moderate. She is professor of political science and law at Montclair State and is an expert on the politics of the Millennial Generation. Additionally, she is a frequent commentator on national and New Jersey politics for print and electronic media, and for television including FOX News, NJTV, ABC News and local affiliates of ABC, NBC, and CBS. She is the author of *American Democracy Now, A More Perfect Union, Power and Society and Women in American Politics*.

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3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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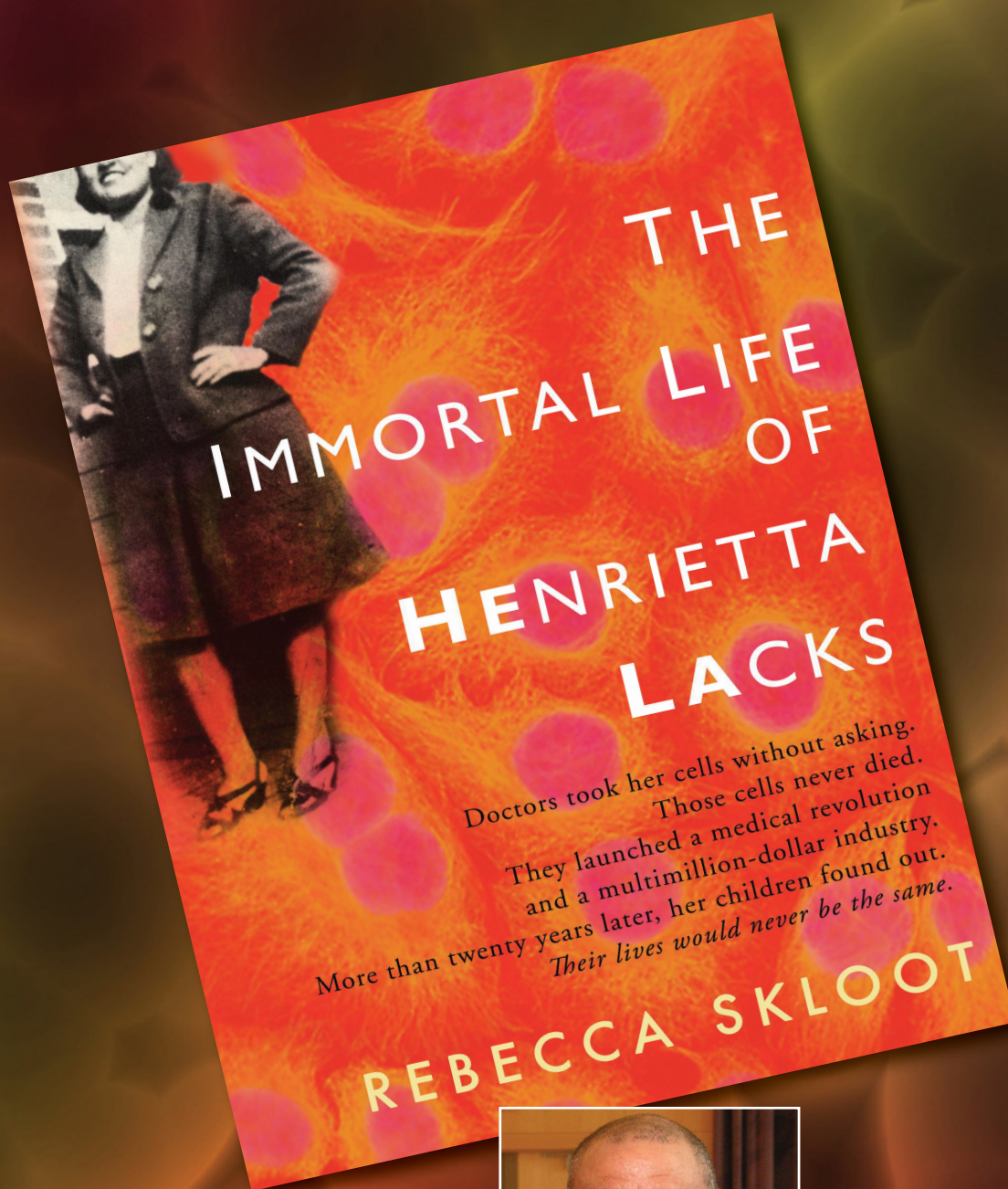


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*David Lacks*

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# Field Hockey Still On Fire

**Mike Panepinto**  
STAFF WRITER

The women’s field hockey team has pushed their winning streak to six straight games with two more wins last week. MSU is now ranked 11th in the NFHCA Coaches poll. The Red Hawks current overall record stands at 8-1, and in the NJAC, they are first with a conference record of 3-0. On Wednesday, Sept. 19, MSU took a trip up to Wayne to square off against William Paterson at 7:00 p.m.

The Red Hawks took an early lead and pulled out a 3-1 victory over the Pioneers. Not even five minutes into the game, junior defender Sierra Rauchbach scored to give MSU an early 1-0 lead. Roughly ten minutes later, senior forward Kate Norgard buried another goal to give the Red Hawks a 2-0 lead at halftime.

William Paterson midfielder Ally Hartman scored a goal with ten minutes left to trim the Red Hawks’ lead to one, but junior Jennifer Tatro scored with 47 seconds left in the game to clinch the 3-1 win for Montclair State. Assists for the Red Hawks came from Rauchbach and junior forward Brooke Hullings.

Senior goalkeeper Megan Bosland had two saves on that day. After the win over the Pioneers, the Red Hawks took the field on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, as they welcomed the Rowan Professors to Sprague Field for an afternoon showdown at 1:00 p.m. The Red Hawks did not disappoint the home fans, cruising to a 3-0 win over the Profs. Norgard started the scoring off

early, burying a shot in the fourth minute to give the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead, which would be the only goal scored by either side in the first half. In the second half, Montclair State was hungry for more goals and they got their first goal of the half from sophomore forward/midfielder Lauren Poppe in the 39th minute of the game.

Tatro contributed with one more goal for the Red Hawks in the 46th minute to help give MSU the 3-0 win. Senior midfielder Frances Schaffer and junior midfielder Stephanie Lewis both helped out with assists for the Red Hawks in the win. Senior goalkeeper Kate Bosland is now only two wins away from the all-time win record at MSU and, with this past shutout, is now tied for fourth all time in shutouts at Montclair State.

This past week, Bosland and Norgard were given NJAC Defensive Player of the Week, and NJAC Offensive Player of the Week respectively.

Norgard scored in both games, giving her a season total of six goals which is third in the NJAC. Currently, Norgard is second in the NJAC in points scored with 18 and she leads the league in assists with six and game-winning goals with three.

In MSU’s two games last week, Bosland made nine saves and had 0.50 goals against average. On the season, Bosland is tied for first in the NJAC with three shutouts and is ranked second in the NJAC with a 0.92 goals against average.

Bosland is also ranked fifth in the NJAC with 36 total saves. The Red Hawks have a short schedule this week when they take a trip up to Cortland, NY to take on the Cortland State Dragons on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 12 p.m.

# Red Hawks Win Second Straight

**Nick Patriarca**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Montclair State Red Hawks football team improved to 2-0 in conference play with a win on the road over rival William Paterson Pioneers by a score of 34-17. The Red Hawks attack was fueled by junior running back A.J. Scoppa, who had a career day rushing for 247 yards and four touchdowns in the victory.

Going for their 20th consecutive victory over their NJAC rival, the Red Hawks were looking to even their overall record on the season with a second successive win. However, it was the Pioneers who would come charging out of the gate in the first quarter, opening the game with a 72-yard drive that culminated in a successful field goal attempt by sophomore placekicker Robert Sinegra. Following a defensive stop, the Pioneer offense went back to work, orchestrating a night play, 81-yard drive capped off by a 31-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Ryan Gresik to junior wideout Mick Paye.

The first quarter ended with the Pioneers leading 10-0. The Red Hawks bounced right back in the second quarter with an eight play, 81-yard drive of their own that finished with a 23-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Drew Cathey to senior wideout Bryan Ogden to cut the William Paterson lead to three. The Red Hawks took the lead on the next drive, in which only four plays were needed to march 60 yards down the field for a touchdown scored on a 15-yard run by Scoppa.

Montclair State went into the locker rooms at halftime leading by a score of 14-10. The Red Hawk defense forced a three-and-out to open the second half, and the offense went back to work. Scoppa rushed for 48 yards on a six play drive that culminated in another Scoppa touchdown on

a 31-yard scamper to the end zone. The defense forced another three-and-out, and Scoppa continued on his route to a career day. His 27-yard run took the Red Hawks down to the Pioneers’ 17 yard line. A 16-yard pass from Cathey to Ogden brought them to the one, and Scoppa punched it in for his third touchdown to increase the Red Hawk lead to 18.

Scoppa would add the final tally to his touchdown total, scoring his fourth on a 1-yard run following a William Paterson fumble. The Pioneers would cut into the lead with another touchdown reception by Paye, but it was too little, too late as the Red Hawks held on for a 34-17 victory over their conference rival. Scoppa had a career day, putting up 247 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 8.2 yards per carry.

It was the best performance by a Red Hawk running back since Eugene Vick’s 249 yard game in 2003. His efforts led him to being named NJAC Offensive Player of the Week as well as being picked for D3football.com’s “Team of the Week,” becoming the first Red Hawk of the season to earn both honors.

With the win, the Red Hawks improve to 2-2 overall, and 2-0 in conference play. They have a real challenge ahead of them as they travel to Cortland, NY to take on another conference rival in the Cortland State Dragons.

It should be an interesting matchup as each of the previous two meetings between these teams was decided on last-second field goals. The Dragons are also 2-0 in conference play. The Red Hawks return home in two weeks when they take on conference foe and nationally-ranked Rowan Professors.



# MSU Red Hot

**Rich Efrus**  
STAFF WRITER

This passed week, the Red Hawks played three matches, one versus the Rutgers-Camden Scarlet Knights, another versus Merchant Marines at the Merchant Marine Academy and the final match against York College. The team went 2-1 and is now 15-4 overall.

On Sept. 20, the team travelled to Rutgers-Camden to take on the Scarlet Knights, the same team that knocked Montclair State out of the 2011 NJAC tournament. The team came into the match winning its last five and the team chemistry was high, but it was not going to be enough against the strong Rutgers-Camden team. Despite double-doubles in kills and digs by junior Marta Topor and sophomore Daniella Salemo, the Red Hawks quickly saw their five-match winning streak come to an end with a 3-1 loss at Rutgers-Camden in a NJAC match.

The first set was close, where the Red Hawks found themselves fighting for the win in the first set. Unfortunately for them, they would drop the first set 25-23, but the team regained its composure and came out strong in the second set, putting together a 25-20 win. The Scarlet Knights went on to take the final two sets 25-17 and 25-18, taking the match and improving to an 8-3 record.

The two outside hitters, Topor and Salemo, shined for the Red Hawks. Topor had 11 kills and 15 digs, while Salemo registered 10 kills and 14 digs. Salemo also tallied three assists and had one service ace. Kaitlyn Irwin led the team with 23 digs and setter Angela Campo led the team in assists with 16. Senior Alyssa Batiste also had six kills, four blocks and two digs.

In the second match of the week, the Red Hawks travelled to the Merchant Marine Academy on

Saturday, Sept. 22 where they battled through a five set match, one which they eventually won. Sophomore Daniella Salemo and freshman Dana McNish carried her energy over from the tough loss to Rutgers-Camden to help the team win the match versus USMMA. Salemo had 12 kills and McNish had 13. Junior Sara Girgus also posted 17 kills.

Montclair State fell behind early and was trailing 2-1 in the match. They were able to rally and take the last two sets of the match to get the win over the Mariners (7-5). In the fourth set they were able to pick up a 25-23 win to force a fifth set. In the decisive fifth set the Red Hawks were able to complete the comeback with a 15-13 win.

After the match, Daniella Salemo discussed the challenge in facing a tough team such as the Merchant Mariners. “The Merchant Marine Academy definitely brought intensity and a big crowd. It was great playing in that environment and they really fought hard. We started slow but once we picked it up we really played to our full potential.”

In the match against a struggling York College (3-11), the Red Hawks flew out of the gate and jumped out to a convincing 16-4 lead in the first set, which they won 25-16. To close out the second set, Kimberly Butrico served the final five points, with two kills from sophomore Lauren Sharp, who had a total of eight kills in the match. Montclair state had a total of 17 kills in the win. Angela Campo was credited for assisting on 27 points and she also tallied three aces.

The Red Hawks are now off until Thursday, Sept. 27 when they take on Richard Stockton at 7:00 p.m. in an NJAC contest. The team will then travel back home to play a doubleheader.

They play host to the Mount St. Mary College Blue Knights at 11:00 a.m. and then at 3:00 p.m. the Red Hawks will take on Kings College. Finally, to end the week, Montclair State will take on Baruch College at 6:30 p.m.

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# Int-erim Referees Blow Game-Winning Call

## Players hope for end of lockout after Monday’s debacle

**Corey Aron**  
STAFF WRITER

“The NFL is a Formula 1 race car. The replacement refs are the three-year-olds behind the wheel.” This was tweeted from former NFL quarterback Drew Bledsoe after Monday night’s debacle.

The highest level these replacement referees have officiated would be the equivalent to a Montclair State Red Hawks football game. These referees are coming from Division II and III college football while some are coming out of the Lingerie Football League. It’s simply degrading to the sport to rely on the hands of officials that have zero NFL experience. This is a business that generates almost \$10 billion a year.

It poses the question: Why can’t the NFL and referees come to an agreement in order to break the lock-out? Before I try to investigate the logistics into the dispute with both sides, it’s important to go over exactly why the replacement refs need to go. First, the officiating during Monday night’s game between the Green Bay Packers and Seattle Seahawks was atrocious.

A call on the drive prior to the Seahawks scoring their last-second

touchdown was what gave Seattle another chance to get the ball back with enough time on the clock. The Packers looked to have sealed the deal with an interception but it was negated due to a “roughing the passer” penalty.

A couple of plays later, the Packers yet again got called for “pass interference” when it was, in fact, Seattle wide receiver Sidney Rice who was smothering the Packers cornerback. He should have been called for “offensive pass-interference.” Both replays showed that these were very poor calls. Even ESPN commentators Mike Tirico and John Gruden both agreed that Seattle was given a couple freebies.

The controversial call of the game ended up being the very last play, determining if the Seahawks wide receiver Golden Tate had simultaneous possession with Packers cornerback M.D. Jennings. Ironically, one official was indicating it was a touchdown while the other official was showing that Jennings had intercepted the ball, resulting in a touchback that would have ended the game.

If a receiver has simultaneous possession with the defender, the advantage goes to the receiver. It’s similar to baseball’s “tie goes to the runner” rule. I’m not trying to do the play-by-play, as many of you have already seen the highlights, but these three instances prove just how awful these replacement refs have been at times.

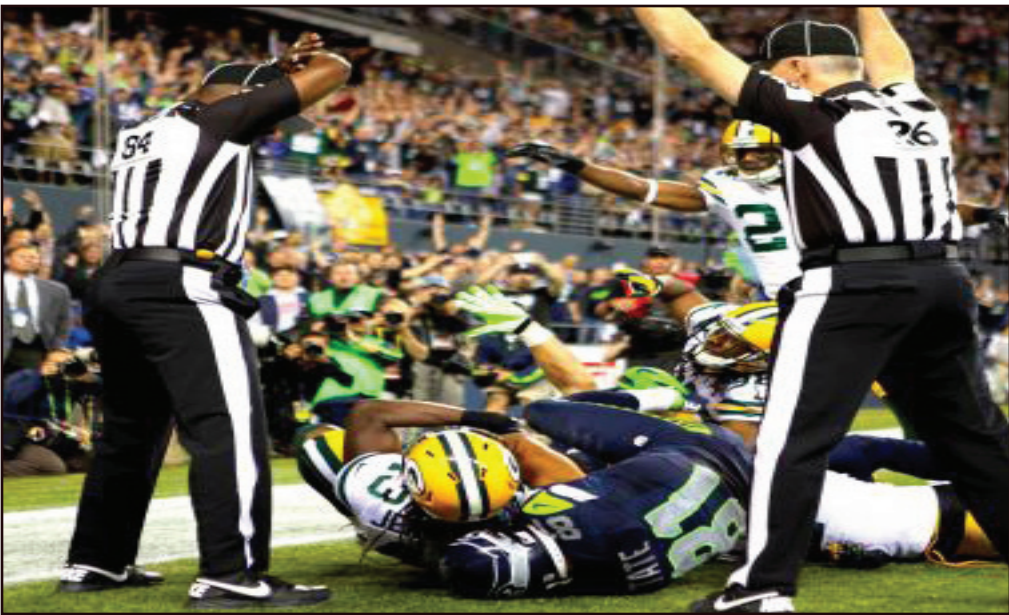


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**The Seattle Seahawks scored on a last-second pass that won them the game due to the referees missing the call.**

Another major issue has been the safety of the players.

So far, there have been brutal hits on the field that have not resulted in penalties. The league ended up reviewing some of these hits and has fined some of the players, such as New York Giants safety Kenny Phillips. He was fined \$30,000 for an illegal hit on Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Vincent Jackson, which initially didn’t receive a flag on the play.

Last week, the NFL decided to pull one of the replacement officials out of the New Orleans-Carolina game because pictures on his Facebook page revealed that he was a fan of the New Orleans Saints. As you can

tell, there has been too much scrutiny from the fans and the teams themselves to sabotage such a fine product.

Talks are currently in session between the NFL and the National Football League Referees Association (NFLRA) and, hopefully, the NFL will have its experienced referees back on the field this Sunday.

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# MLB Wildcard Race Begins to Heat Up

## Teams fighting for final playoff spots

**Taylor Zuppa**  
STAFF WRITER

With the hunt for October quickly reaching its conclusion, some teams have secured their playoff spots, while others are still holding on to the bitter end.

This year, the league is doing something different with the wild cards. Each league will send two wildcards to the playoffs, where they will play each other in a one-game playoff to determine who moves on. In the National League, the Washington Nationals and the Atlanta Braves have already clinched their playoff berths, and the San Francisco Giants and the Cincinnati Reds have clinched their divisions.

Despite the shutdown of young ace pitcher Stephen Strasberg over two weeks ago, the Nationals powered through their series with the Los Angeles Dodgers and secured their playoff berth, putting the Dodgers further back in the wild card race. This is the first time a Washington-based team has secured a playoff spot in 79 years, according to ESPN.com. The Braves defeated the Miami Marlins with a dramatic two-run

walk-off homerun by first baseman Freddie Freeman on Tuesday night to secure their playoff spot.

However, the race for the division winner is still very close between these teams. The Nationals are currently 91-63 and the Braves are 89-65. Both of their records are too good for any of the other wild card contenders to catch up, so both teams will be in the playoffs, but one as a wild card, and the other as the NL East division winner.

Over on the west coast, the San Francisco Giants clinched their division earlier this week against the San Diego Padres. Despite outfielder Melky Cabrera’s suspension for the use of steroids, who led the team with a .346 batting average, the Giants are still a powerful team, with catcher Buster Posey leading the team in both RBIs and home runs.

However, according to ABC News, the Giants organization has stated that despite the fact that Cabrera’s 50-game suspension ends during the playoffs, he will not be on the team’s roster when he returns. The Cincinnati Reds clinched the NL Central, despite a difficult week for the team. Manager Dusty Baker suffered a minor stroke last Friday after being hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat, but it has been



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**The New York Yankees are struggling to hold onto a slim lead in the American League East.**

confirmed by ESPN that Baker will return to the team for the playoffs.

With only one spot left in the playoffs for a National League team, the St. Louis Cardinals are looking to fill that spot. They lead the wild card race with a 84-71 record. Both the Dodgers and the Brewers dropped below where they need to contend after both teams suffered losses to the National League leaders.

The American League, however, is running a much tighter race. As of right now, both the AL East and Central races are within half-games of each other or less. The AL East eaders, the New York Yankees, lead the Baltimore Orioles by a game and a half. However, despite a difficult loss to Minnesota Tuesday night, the Yankees have a better shot of clinching their division rather than the Orioles.

The Bronx Bombers have won seven of their last nine games, and their remaining two series are against teams they have easily handled earlier in the season, the Toronto Blue Jays and the Boston Red Sox. The Orioles play Tampa Bay in their final series, and with Tampa Bay only four games behind Baltimore, it’s a much

tighter race for a playoff spot, and the Rays could even end up knocking Baltimore out of the wild card race.

The AL Central division leaders are currently tied. Both the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox are 82-72. However, Detroit’s pitching staff is one of the best in the league, with last year’s MVP Justin Verlander as their ace, sporting a 16-8 record. Chicago faces Tampa Bay in a four game series, and the White Sox have yet to play them at all this year.

However, whichever team does not clinch the division will not make it to the playoffs at all, because both teams are too far below the leaders of the AL wild card standings. In the AL West, the Texas Rangers and the Oakland Athletics are four games apart, but are in the midst of a very close series after the A’s topped the Rangers 3-2 in extra innings Tuesday night.

However, the Rangers lead the entire American League with a 91-63 record, and so a playoff spot is guaranteed for them. If the A’s power through the rest of the series, they have a good shot of catching Baltimore in the wild card race, and possibly eliminating them completely.



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**Chipper Jones, playing in his final season, hopes to lead the Atlanta Braves to their first World Series Championship since 1995.**



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## WHO'S HOT THIS WEEK

**AJ Scoppa**  
Running — Football

Scoppa blew away William Paterson by rushing for 247 yards and four touchdowns in the Red Hawks 34-17 win over the Pioneers. Scoppa has now rushed for 609 yards and six touchdowns.

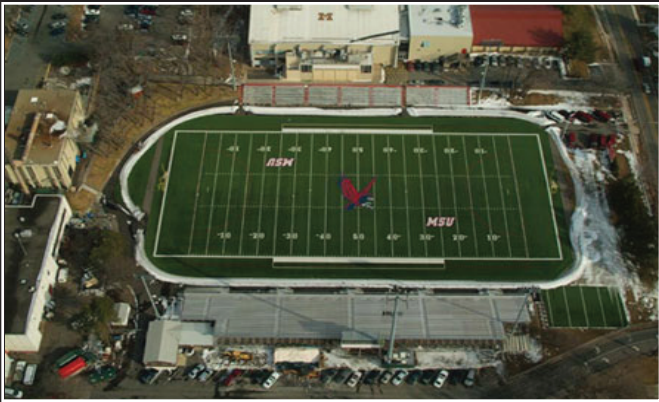


**Gina Policastro**  
Goalkeeper — Soccer

Policastro finished an outstanding 12-save week by being named NJAC Defensive Player of the Week. In two overtime wins, she helped the Red Hawks remain undefeated at 8-0-1, their best starting record in school history.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

**Football**  
**@ SUNY Cortland**  
**September 29, 1:00 p.m.**



The Red Hawks will travel to New York to take on SUNY Cortland as MSU hopes to increase their winning streak to three games.

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Football		
	NJAC	Overall
Rowan	2 - 0	3 - 1
Cortland	2 - 0	2 - 1
MSU	2 - 0	2 - 2
Kean	1 - 0	1 - 2
Brockport	1 - 1	3 - 1
TCNJ	0 - 1	1 - 2
W. Paterson	0 - 2	1 - 2
West. Conn.	0 - 2	0 - 3
Morrisville	0 - 2	0 - 4

This Week  
9/29 @ SUNY Cortland 1 p.m.

Last Week  
9/15 MSU 7, Morrisville 0

Men's Soccer		
	NJAC	Overall
MSU	2 - 1	8 - 1
RU-Camden	2 - 1	7 - 1
Ramapo	2 - 1	5 - 3
Stockton	2 - 1	4 - 3 - 1
W. Paterson	2 - 1	4 - 4
Kean	2 - 2	6 - 4
NJCU	1 - 2	6 - 4
RU-Newark	1 - 2	5 - 4
TCNJ	1 - 2	4 - 6
Rowan	0 - 2	4 - 4

This Week  
9/26 vs. RU-Newark 7:30 p.m.  
9/29 @ RU-Camden 6 p.m.

Last Week  
9/24 MSU 8, TCNJ 1

Women's Soccer		
	NJAC	Overall
Kean	3 - 0	6 - 0
MSU	2 - 0	3 - 2 - 2
TCNJ	2 - 1	2 - 4 - 1
Stockton	2 - 1	1 - 5 - 1
Rowan	2 - 1	6 - 0 - 1
W. Paterson	2 - 2	5 - 1
Ramapo	1 - 3	5 - 1 - 1
NJCU	1 - 3	3 - 1
RU-Camden	0 - 2 - 1	3 - 2
RU-Newark	0 - 2 - 1	2 - 4 - 2

This Week  
9/26 vs. RU-Newark 1 p.m.  
9/29 @ RU-Camden 7 p.m.

Last Week  
9/19 MSU 2, W. Paterson 1 (2OT)  
9/22 MSU 1, TCNJ 0 (OT)

Field Hockey		
	NJAC	Overall
MSU	1 - 0	8 - 1
TCNJ	1 - 0	6 - 0
Rowan	1 - 0	5 - 3
Ramapo	0 - 0	2 - 3
W. Paterson	0 - 1	2 - 8
Kean	0 - 1	4 - 6
Stockton	0 - 1	2 - 7

This Week  
9/29 @ SUNY Cortland 12 p.m.  
10/3 @ Stevens 8 p.m.

Last Week  
9/22 MSU 3, Rowan 0  
9/26 MSU 5, Susquehanna 0

Volleyball		
	NJAC	Overall
Kean	3 - 0	11 - 4
Stockton	3 - 0	10 - 4
Rowan	2 - 1	8 - 5
RU-Camden	1 - 1	8 - 3
Ramapo	1 - 1	8 - 7
MSU	1 - 2	15 - 4
W. Paterson	1 - 2	10 - 4
NJCU	0 - 2	3 - 5
RU-Newark	0 - 3	6 - 9

This Week  
9/27 @ Stockton 7 p.m.  
9/29 vs. Mt. St. Mary 11 p.m.

Last Week  
9/22 MSU 3, York 0



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## Running With the Bulls

Kyle Chmura  
STAFF WRITER

It was somewhere around the end of the first period and I was already on the edge of my seat when the Red Bulls began to take hold. I remember saying something like “I feel a little wired, maybe I should go.” Suddenly, there was a terrible roar all around us. The stadium was full of, what looked like huge beasts, jumping up and down, singing around the press box, and I screamed “unholy taco spread, what are these things?” The guy in the suit next to me looked at me with an open mouth, “Did you say something son?” My mind was a frenzy of chanting and screams. What was I doing here? What was the meaning of all this madness? Had I been forced here or had I really come to this place to work on a story?

I parked my car in an area that looked like it could have been inhabited by gypsies and thieves. The back end of the stadium was vacant with only a parking attendant standing guard. I approached her and asked her where the media box office was. She answered with a quizzical glance and a shrug of her shoulders. I walked around the front of the stadium and stumbled across what could only be described as a black mass. Over 100 people stood around in head to toe black garb. They spoke under their breaths and I felt the uneasy feeling in my stomach growing. I quickly hurried passed the crowd and made a b-line for the window with the big sign over it saying “Media Box Office.”

The little old man behind the window directed me toward the door to my right and told me to go in and up the stairs. I followed signs with arrows claiming to lead to the press box, and that’s when I started to smell food.

Being the only college student sitting in the eating area, which was really a group of folding chairs placed in front of a TV, I listened to the professionals. They talked about many topics, including the lockout of the NHL season, who had moved

to what network and who was going to be fired. There seemed to be a separation of class between those who worked behind the camera and those who performed on screen.

Shortly after, everyone with press badges left and marched down the hallway and turned into a doorway, leaving only myself and two others to mull around the area. Feeling adventurous, I wandered down the hallway to the room everyone disappeared into and saw a barrage of people in front of trays of hot food and refrigerators full of drinks. I noticed something else was amiss in the room. It was as if I was standing at the border of San Diego and Tijuana. The American and Spanish media had an invisible line of segregation between them. I picked an empty seat on the Spanish side and both sides looked at me as if I had asked what soccer was. “How about them Red Bull’s?” I managed to mutter. They all looked at me for a second longer and then dove back into their food.

Sitting in my little cubby, I saw in one of the glass cases what I had really come for, Red Bull.

I had stopped paying attention to the match to play the stupid game on my phone with exploding bubbles that you shoot at other bubbles. After killing half my phone battery, I started watching the game again. The Sporting, formerly known as the Wizards, had managed to score a goal against the Red Bulls after only 12 minutes of play. This was preceded by six minutes of popping the ball into the air by the heads of the players that eerily reminded me of circus seals with balloons. I had to use the bathroom, so I left my seat and wandered back into the inner bowels of the stadium.

I quickly walked out of the bathroom with a fake smile on my face, my legs feeling like a hot lava lamp. The hallway was a short trek, but it felt as if I was climbing the steep cliffs of Kilimanjaro. Nothing seemed to be the same. It was as if I had left through a different door than I had entered. The security guards watched me like creepy paintings in a Scooby-Doo episode, none of



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The New York Red Bulls are currently in fourth place with 50 points and a 14-8-8 record. Their next game is scheduled against Toronto FC.

them moving. The big one at the end of the hallway with his arm out stretched towards me pointing with his other hand towards the entrance back into the stadium. His Cheshire grin growing bigger as I drew closer, “You enjoying the game sir?”

The second period was coming to an end with the Red Bulls down 2-0. The energy drink the team was named for was rampaging through my body like some sort of plague. I had wanted to leave since halftime, and yet I sat there watching the actors on the field as they rolled around holding their arms and knees as if reenacting the opening scene to Saving Private Ryan. I watched as the Empire Supporters Club continued to sing the same song that they had been singing for over two hours. Airplanes from Newark International roared over at a pace of one every five minutes.

It was all like the ticking of a clock, continual and regular. Suddenly, it all stopped. Was I dead? Had one of those giant metal birds gone down and taken us all with it? I sat in the same seat I had all game and looked at the clock. It felt like a hundred years between every second that rolled off the clock. Something was wrong.

I wondered how long I could remain in my seat. The coverage clock ended and I bolted for the exit as the suit seemed to be sauntering over to security. I grabbed the last handful of Red Bull cans and ran out to the post-apocalyptic parking lot in which I had left my car. There I was, alone in Harrison, completely blitzed on Red Bull, with no real story for the news paper and possibly a parking ticket. I thought to myself, “How would Douglas Adams handle this situation?” Keep calm and don’t panic.



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Many of the seats at the stadium are colored in red and yellow, as opposed to the normal blue, to form a picture of the New York Red Bulls’ logo. The logo is two bulls charging at each other with a soccer ball in between them